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	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	Noon	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon ...Dep.	6.40	8.05	8.30	9.15	10.30	12.00	1.15	2.22	4.35	5.29	7.21
Yaumati ...Dep.	6.50	—	—	9.24	10.39	12.09	1.24	2.31	4.44	5.38	7.30
Shatin ...Dep.	7.02	—	—	9.36	10.51	12.21	1.36	2.43	4.56	5.51	7.42
Taipo ...Dep.	7.16	—	—	9.49	11.04	12.34	1.49	2.56	5.09	6.04	7.55
Taipo Market Dep.	7.21	—	—	9.53	11.08	12.38	1.53	3.00	5.13	6.08	7.59
Fanling ...Dep.	7.32	—	—	10.03	11.18	12.48	2.03	3.11	5.24	6.19	8.09
Sheungshui ..Dep.	7.36	—	9.07	10.07	11.22	12.52	2.07	3.15	5.28	6.23	8.13
Shumchun ...Arr.	7.42	8.45	9.13	10.13	11.28	12.58	2.13	3.21	5.34	6.29	8.19
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Canton ...Dep.	—	—	—	—	—	8.45	—	—	—	—	3.00
Shumchun ...Dep.	7.19	9.06	10.38	11.40	3.00	4.17	5.13	5.20	5.40	6.08	6.40
Sheungshui...Dep.	7.26	9.13	10.45	11.47	3.07	4.24	5.20	5.27	5.47	6.15	—
Fanling ...Dep.	7.31	9.17	10.49	11.51	3.11	4.28	5.24	—	5.51	6.19	—
Taipo Market Dep.	7.41	9.27	10.59	12.02	3.21	4.38	5.34	—	6.01	6.29	—
Taipo ...Dep.	7.45	9.32	11.04	12.07	3.25	4.42	5.38	—	6.05	6.33	—
Shatin ...Dep.	7.58	9.45	11.17	12.21	3.38	4.56	5.51	—	6.18	6.46	—
Yaumati ...Dep.	8.12	9.57	11.29	12.33	3.50	5.08	6.03	—	6.30	6.58	—
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Fanling	7.45	11.30	2.20	3.20	6.25	
Shataukok	8.40	12.25	3.15	4.15	7.20	
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Shataukok	6.30	10.15	1.05	2.05	5.00	5.15
Fanling	7.25	11.10	2.00	3.00	5.55	6.10

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IN THE HANGCHOW DISTRICT.

SOUTHERN TROOPS IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES.

MARSHAL SUN'S COUNTER-PREPARATIONS.

The local war situation is by no means as serious as contemporary reports would suggest, according to the latest information received in Shanghai, says the *Shanghai Mercury* of December 16th.

Our contemporary goes on to give an amusing picture of the Southern Army's supposed methods of achieving its reported victories:—

For instance, the so-called "occupation" of the Chekiang provincial capital, Hangchow, by Southern troops, amounts to nothing more than the entry into the capital of a couple of thousand Southern troops dressed in civilian clothes, without any great display of arms and with anything but a warlike manner. Their entry into Hangchow was simply characteristic of many similar moves made by the Cantonese since they launched the present anti-Northern campaign.

Propaganda!

A small force, dressed in civilian clothes, proceeds to the city which is the next objective of the main army, and inspects the "lay-out" of the place, spreads a little propaganda, commits an act or two of sabotage, and generally puts the populace into a state of mild terror which reacts upon the opposing force through the exaggerated stories broadcasted among them. In other words, they prepare the stage for the grand entry of the uniformed members of the expedition.

That is what happened at Hangchow. There is little doubt but that the Southerners have commenced their drive upon Shanghai. But they are feeling their way, as usual, and the Hangchow incident furnishes an example of how this is done. The same thing happened at Kiukiang and an attempt of like nature was made at Nanking, but was frustrated.

This plain-clothes vanguard entered Hanchow on December 15th and almost immediately word was circulated throughout the city that the Reds had captured the city. These rumours were immediately transmitted to Shanghai without verification and the Southerners' end was achieved—they were reported as being in possession of Hangchow.

Sun Chuan Fang's Activity.

There was only one flaw in the arrangement, and that was the possibility of Marshal Sun Chuan Fang putting up a show of resistance against this invasion of his territory.

The local agents of the Southerners soon got "wind" of Marshal Sun's intentions and word was sent to Hangchow with the rapidity which only a Chinese message can be sent, that Marshal Sun was already moving troops in the direction of Hangchow with the purpose of defending the city.

Faced with the prospect of meeting a stronger force, the "civilian" soldiers trembled a little at what their temerity in entering Hangchow in such small force might have led them into. So they sent out a few scouts along the Shanghai-Hangchow railway line as far as Bridge 159, between Linping and Shienchiao and tore up a few rails in order to prevent Marshal Sun rushing troops by rail to oust them from the capital.

Marshal Sun has not been idle since the first news of the occupation of Hangchow reached him. He evidently does not intend quitting without a fight and already the 8th Division has moved on towards Hangchow as far as the train could go.

At the present time it is estimated that the two forces are situated no more than 14 *li* apart. Whether Marshal Sun will take the offensive or not remains to be seen. He has everything to gain by doing so and everything to lose by not doing so, for upon his actions the Southerners will base their next, assuredly. Marshal Sun's troops are assembling in the vicinity of Kashing and already all those troops intended for the purpose have been withdrawn from Nanking and sent towards Hangchow. They are continuing on foot across the broken stretch of railway. The line is broken about 11 kilometres eastward of Hangchow. Testifying to the near-normality of the situation even at this stage, two passenger trains daily are still running to Kashing.

PUBLICAN'S SUPPORT OF TEMPERANCE.

ENDOWS TWO ANNUAL SERMONS.

Albert Cowling, licensee of the Prince of Wales Hotel, Bowling, Bradford, has given £100 to St. Stephen's Church, Bowling, to provide for two temperance sermons to be preached every year.

The deed of gift provides that the preacher shall deal with the theme of temperance in all things.

The gift has been accepted with the approval of the Bishop of Bradford.

SPREAD OF BOLSHEVISM.

PROPAGANDA IN THE DUTCH EAST INDIES.

DESTROYING THE GOOD NAME OF THE EUROPEAN.

Mr. Edward E. Long, writing from the Savage Club to *The Times* on the Dutch East Indies revolt, says:

In the summer of last year I returned to this country from an extended tour of the Dutch East Indies, and I can vouch for this—that everywhere I went I found traces of Bolshevism, clothed in Communistic garb. After visiting Java, Bali and Celebes, I journeyed on to the Moluccas, and found in Amboyna, their capital, a number of Communists and a paper strongly Communist in sentiment. I went on from Amboyna to Saporea, Banda, and the Kei Islands, and, landing at Toeal, the Kei capital, one morning, with the captain of Koninklijke Paketvaart Maatschappij steamer, on which I was a passenger, I heard him utter a very angered exclamation. On asking the reason he pointed out to me a Toeal native who was walking near us, along the pier, absorbed in a newspaper, printed, I believe, in Dutch-Malay. "It's a rascally Bolshevist paper," said the captain, "and what angers me is the fact that it has been brought here on my ship." "But can't you prevent it?" asked I. "No," he replied, "unless I strip and search every passenger I take on board, and I can't do that;" and even then I suppose copies of this paper—it comes from Amboyna—would be smuggled on board somehow, they are so cunning, these Bolshevist people, and so many are willing to aid them."

And so Bolshevism carries on its crusade throughout these little-known islands, and others near them—the Tenimber and the Aru groups; possibly in Dutch New Guinea also, for K.P.M. steamers go to Dutch New Guinea ports from Amboyna; and the natives—generally a mixture of Papuan and Malay—are taught that the European is an incarnation of evil, whom they should boycott by refusing to buy his goods, to sell him their produce—mainly spices and copra—and to work for him. Perhaps when it is too late the non-Bolshevist nations of the world will realise the immense amount of harm Bolshevism is doing in destroying the good name of the European throughout the Eastern world. If only they could be brought to see the need for counter-propaganda now!

MARSHAL CHANG TSO LIN.

SOME MORALISING FOR THE YOUNG.

Marshal Chang Tso Lin on a recent Saturday afternoon summoned representatives of all the schools and representatives of Labour to his headquarters in Tientsin for instruction. Eighty persons, including the representatives of eight schools for boys and two for girls, and quite a number of labour guilds were present.

Marshal Chang Tso Lin referred to his early life. He said he was formerly a member of the Volunteer Corps in Manchuria and, in a fight with bandits, he was captured by them. He had to stay with them for some little time and succeeded in getting away when the opportunity came.

He also discussed the Chihli-Mukden war. He wanted to avoid it, but President Tsao Kun entertained a different view on the question. He was very sorry about it. Marshal Chang also referred to the activities of Bolshevik agents. Those students who had been persuaded to join the Communists should repent and return to a normal life. He would be lenient, but if the students persisted in associating themselves with the Bolshevists he would severely punish them.

Turning to the girl students he said that the Bolsheviks preached a nefarious doctrine, which no girl should practice. This doctrine was equivalent to prostitution.

Marshal Chang concluded by saying that he began life with $200,000, and had risen through economy and business ability. He had accumulated his great wealth by small beginnings, and urged the Labour representatives to practice thrift and economy.

MISS JOSE COLLINS.

£4,382 LIABILITIES AND £96 ASSETS.

The public examination of Lady Josephine Innes-Kerr, professionally known as Miss Jose Collins, the one time leading lady at the Gaiety and still one of the foremost musical comedy actresses in England, was at the London Bankruptcy Court recently, adjourned until December 10th. The Official Receiver reported that she had recently lodged a statement of her affairs, and further time was required for investigation purposes. She returned liabilities of £4,382, against assets of £96, consisting of £56 cash, and stage dresses worth £40.

THE WEEK'S DIARY.

To-day.

St. Thomas' Day: Holy Communion celebration, St. Peter's Church, 7.30 a.m.
Distribution of prizes at Kowloon Junior British School (Gun Club Hill) by Mrs. R. M. Dyer, 11 a.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Concert: By ship's company, H.M.S. *Vindictive*, R.N.C. Theatre, 8.45 p.m.
Boxing Tournament, Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Tess of the D'Urbervilles."
World Theatre: "Thunder Mountain."
Star Theatre: "My Wife and I."
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., Canada, etc. (*President Jefferson*); Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Nellore*). Outward: Europe *viâ* Marseilles (*General Metzinger*), 2.30 p.m.

Wednesday.

Peak School Prize distribution, by Lady Clementi, Peak Club, 11 a.m.
Ordinary General Meeting Industrial and Commercial Bank, Ltd., York Building, 2 p.m.
Cricket: Annual Match between Oxford and Cambridge Societies, H.K.C.C. ground.
Football: Interport trial game, H.K.F.C. ground, 4.30 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Christmas Revels and Fairy play at Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m. In aid of M.C.L. and Seamen's Institute Funds.
Concert: By ship's company, H.M.S *Vindictive*, R.N.C. Theatre, 8.45 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "Tess of the D'Urbervilles."
World Theatre: "The White Desert."
Star Theatre: "My Wife and I."
Princial Mails:—Inward: Europe *viâ* Negapatam, papers only (*Vogtland*). Outward: Europe *viâ* Siberia (*Angers*), 1.30 p.m.

Thursday.

Open Day and Sale of Work at Victoria British School, 10.30 a.m.
8th Ordinary yearly meeting, China Light and Power Company (1918), Ltd., St. George's Building, 11.30 a.m.
Bishop of London (the Right Hon. A. F. Winnington Ingram, D.D., LL.D., K.C.V.O.) due on *President Lincoln*.
Bishop of London entertained to tiffin by members of Hong Kong Club.
Cricket: K.C.C. *v.* K.O.S.B.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Christmas Revels and Fairy Play at Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m. In aid of M.C.L. and Seamen's Institute Funds.
Concert: By ship's company, H.M.S. *Vindictive*, R.N.C. Theatre, 8.45 p.m.
Boxing Tournament at Murray Barracks: Borderers' *v.* H.M.S. *Hermes*.
Annual Ball of Hong Kong Police Force, City Hall, 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Man on the Box."
World Theatre: "The White Desert."
Star Theatre: "The Great Divide."
Principal Mails:—Inward: U.S.A., Honolulu, etc. (*President Lincoln*); Canada, U.S.A., etc. and London *viâ* Canada (*Empress of Canada*). Australia and New Zealand (*Tango Maru*), 9.30 a.m.

Friday.

Christmas Eve.
Hong Kong Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
St. Peter's Church First Evening of Christmas, 5.30 p.m.; Midnight Communion, 11.30 p.m.
Golf: Christmas Meeting competitions, Fanling.
Annual dinner and ball of Chief and Petty Officers of the Royal Navy (China Squadron), City Hall, 8.15 p.m. to 2 a.m.
Repulse Bay Hotel Christmas Eve Dance, 8.30 p.m.—12 midnight.
Queen's Theatre: "The Man on the Box."
World Theatre: "The Thief of Bagdad."
Star Theatre: "The Great Divide."
Principal Mails:—Outward: Europe and U.K. *viâ* Marseilles (*Khiva*), 5 p.m.

Saturday.

Christmas Day.
Bishop of London preaches at St. John's Cathedral, 11 a.m.
Christmas services at Churches.
St. Peter's Church: Christmas Communion, 8 a.m.; Sung Eucharist and sermon, 11 a.m.
Football: Portugal *v.* China in *Sunday Herald* Charity Cup Competition. H.K.F.C. ground, 11 a.m.
Golf: Christmas Meeting competitions, Fanling.
Cricket: Army *v.* H.K.C.C., Club ground.
Queen's Theatre: "The Man on the Box."
World Theatre: "The Thief of Bagdad."
Star Theatre: "The Great Divide."
Principal Mails:—Inward: Europe *viâ* Suez, letters and parcels (*Kalyan*).

Sunday.

Bishop of London preaches on H.M.S. *Hawkins*, 9.30 a.m.; at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 11 a.m.; and at St. John's Cathedral, 6 p.m. Visits Diocesan Girls School in the afternoon.
St. Stephen's Day: Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church, 8 a.m., and matins and sermon at 11 a.m.
Yachting: Annual Race to Macao and back for Potta' Challenge Cup. Start, 7.30 a.m.
Golf: Christmas Meeting competitions, Fanling.
Christmas Carol Service, and Organ Recital, St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 6 p.m.
Queen's Theatre: "The Man on the Box."
World Theatre: "The Thief of Bagdad."

Monday.

St. Peter's Church, Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.
Fanling Hunt paper chase.
Golf: Christmas Meeting competitions, Fanling.
Cricket: Army *v.* H.K.C.C. (Club ground); H.K.C.C. *v.* Navy; Club de Recréio *v.* Volunteers.
Football: England *v.* Scotland in *Sunday Herald* Charity Cup Competition, H.K.F.C. ground, 4.30 p.m.
H.K. Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
King Edward Hotel tea dance, 4.30 p.m.
Boxing Day dance, Craigengower Cricket Club.
Boxing Night carnival dance, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.—1 a.m.
Repulse Bay Hotel Christmas Eve Dance, 8.30 p.m.—12 midnight.

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The egg-shell was kept, in the Court in a small wooden box lined with cotton wool, and when the case was adjourned the box was carefully removed and locked in the safe in the Probate Registry.

The will was propounded by the widow of Mr. James Barnes, a Manchester Ship Canal pilot, who lived at Green Bank, Allport-lane, Bromborough, Birkenhead.

The principal question in the case, from a legal point of view, was whether the "egg-shell will" could be admitted to probate under the exceptions in the Wills Act, which gives special privileges to soldiers and to sailors on sea service.

The estate was said to be of the value of about £5,500. Mr. Barnes died on June 8th, 1925, at the age of 68.

The plaintiffs were Mr. Harry Hodson, of Bebington Road, Higher Tranmere, Birkenhead, and Robert Southwood, of Spital Lane, the executors, and certain other persons intervened. They propounded a will dated October 27th, 1920.

A "Blown" Egg.

Mr. Bayford, K.C. (for the widow) said the egg-shell will was dated "17th ——, 1925." It was written in indelible pencil by Mr. Barnes, and read:

"*Mag, everything i possess.—J.B.*"

Mr. Bayford said the words of the will would be sufficient to pass the estate, assuming that it was entitled to be admitted to probate. "Mag" was the name by which he knew his wife. He married her in June, 1914, when he was a widower with three sons—William, Ernest, and Robert.

Talk of a New Will.

Barnes, he said, was in the habit of taking out with him a bag in which was a small pouch, and in this he carried eggs. In 1918 Ernest, one of the sons, died, leaving a widow and four children, who were some of the interveners. In October, 1920, he had a bad heart attack, and on October 27th he made a will, by which he bequeathed to his wife £400, watches and trinkets, a house for life, and an annuity of £62. He gave his son William £100 and Robert two chairs, and divided the residue of his estate, half to Robert and half to the children of Ernest.

In August, 1924, said Mr. Bayford, he bought the bungalow at Allport-lane, and he and his wife went to live there in October. From time to time he expressed to his wife his intentions of making a new will, and on one occasion he said he had done so.

On October 15th, 1925, Mrs. Barnes was clearing out her late husband's bedroom, and on the top of the wardrobe, in a well between two partitions, she found the egg-shell will and a piece of paper, partly burnt.

Widow's Story.

Mrs. Margaret Barnes, the widow, said her husband used to take raw eggs, which he cooked on board ship. In April, 1925, while at Llandudno, her husband told her that he had made a codicil and had left her everything.

On the Sunday following his death, she said, one of his sons searched the safe, and on the following day the will was read. Later, said Mrs. Barnes, she saw some solicitors and on her instructions a caveat was entered.

Alfred Leonard Robinson, of Upper Warwick Street, Liverpool, a pilot, said he had seen Mr. Barnes cooking eggs in the pilot house. He identified the writing on the egg as being that of Mr. Barnes, written with an indelible pencil, which, he said, he always carried. He had joked with Mr. Barnes about the way in which he wrote "I" as a small "i."

The hearing was adjourned.

ALIEN GOODS TO BE MARKED.

BILL PASSED AT WESTMINSTER.

The House of Commons have passed the third reading of the Government's Merchandise Marks Act by 223 votes to 103, a majority of 120.

Even Mr. Lloyd George, who invented the slogan, "Market, not mark it," did not, when speaking, enlarge the sparse attendance at the third day of debate by more than a dozen.

His gravest charge against the Bill was that the imprint of foreign origin on goods would act as an advertisement to foreign manufacturers at the expense of Great Britain.

"The way to deal with the industrial problem is not to mark foreign goods, but to market our own," he declared.

Sir John Simon objected to the increased powers given to committees under the Bill, and Conservatives made a general defence of its provisions as a restriction of fraud.

IRISHMAN GUILTY OF SIX MURDERS.

Henry McCabe, gardener, was found guilty at Dublin recently of murdering in March his four employers and two servants at La Mancha, a mansion near Malahide, and was sentenced to death.

It was stated by the prosecution that Peter, Joseph, Alice, and Annie McDonnell, McCabe's employers, and two of their servants disappeared, and two days afterwards the mansion was found to be on fire.

Mr. Lynn, for the defence, said that one witness had stated that the night before the house was found on fire McCabe went to a "wake" as the clock struck midnight. There was, however, no town clock at Malahide, and at a "wake" the clock was always stopped.

It was stated that McCabe has nine children, the youngest of whom is six months old.

PEAK TRAMWAY COMPANY DIRECTORS.

SALARIES TO BE INCREASED.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Peak Tramways Co., Ltd., was held yesterday at which a resolution approving and adopting new Articles of Association was passed.

Mr. Henry Humphreys presided and there also present: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Mr. A. S. Gubbay, Mr. R. Mein Austin (directors), Mr. R. A. Wadeson (solicitor), Mr. G. Rapp (Secretary) and the following shareholders, Messrs. W. Morley, J. H. Seth, A. O. Lang, J. M. Wong, D. Wilson, J. H. Tarrant, J. D. Humphreys, S. F. Chubb and J. H. Brister.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen, Every shareholder has been sent a circular explaining at the important changes in the Articles. I do not propose, unless called upon to do so, to reiterate what has already been stated in the circular, but I would like to amplify the statement in the circular in regard to increased remuneration to General Managers and Directors. Their remuneration has remained the same for twenty years past. During those twenty years, as you are aware, the cost of living has more than doubled, with the natural result that not only does it cost one more to live but employers have to pay very much more to their employees and for office rent.

Unless any shareholder has any questions to ask I shall move the adoption of the Resolution before the meeting.

Mr. J. H. Seth seconded and the resolution was unanimously carried.

There was no other business.

SHANGHAI MURDER CASE.

At the Shanghai District Court on Wednesday, a Chinese was sentenced to life imprisonment for being concerned as reported in our issue of yesterday in the kidnapping of Ping Wen Yung, a Markham Road coal merchant. The latter was shot dead for failing to produce a huge sum which was demanded for his ransom.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

DECEMBER 20TH, 1926.

Hongkong Bank	$1,130 sel.
Do., London	£115 nom.
Chartered Bank	£21 sel.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B.	£30½ nom.
Do., C.	£13⅜ nom.
P. & O. Bank	£9½ buy.
East Asia Bank	$54 nom.
Canton Insurance	$640 buy.
China Underwriters	$1.45 nom.
North China Insurance	Tls. 145 nom.
Union Insurance	$290 nom.
Yangtsze Insurance	Mex. $45 nom.
China Fire Insurance	$200 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	$615 buy.
Douglases	$28½ buy.
H.K., C. & M. Steamboats	$26 buy.
Hongkong Tugs	$1½ nom.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	$32 buy.
Do. (Def.)	$42 buy.
Shell Transports	90/- nom.
Star Ferries	$60 nom.
Watorboats	$15½ buy.
China Sugars	$25 sel.
Malabon Sugars	$36 nom.
Benguets	$1½ nom.
Kaiser Mining Ad.	35/- nom.
Langkats (combined)	Tls. 24½ buy.
Do. (single)	Tls. 11¼ nom.
Shanghai Explorations	Tls. 4½ nom.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 8 nom.
Raubs	$4½ nom.
Tronoh Mines	21/- buy.
Ural Caspians	8/- nom
H.K. & K. Wharfs	$115 nom.
H.K. & W. Docks	$43 sel.
Hongkows	Tls. 170 nom.
New Engineerings	Tls. 5½ nom.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 117 sel.
H.K. & S. Hotels	$9½ sel.
Hongkong Lands	$57 sel.
Hongkong Realtys	$6.15 buy.
H.K. Territorials	$3 sel.
Humphreys Estates	$14½ sel.
Prince's Buildings	$89 nom.
Rural Lands	$1½ nom.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 8½ buy., 9½ sel.
Orientals	Tls. 3 sel., 2½ sa.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 54½ nom.
Do. (new)	Tls. 28½ nom.
China Buses	Tls. 9½ buy.
Hongkong Tramways	$22½ nom.
Peak Trams (old)	$15½ buy.
Do. (new)	$7½ nom.
Singapore Tractions	15/- sel.
Taxis	$2 sel.
Amusements	$16 buy.
Canton Ices	$5 nom.
Cements (combined)	$11 sel.
Do. (old)	$9 nom.
Do. (new)	$2 nom.
China Lights (combined)	$17½ nom.
Do. (old)	$13½ sel.
Do. (new)	$10½ sel.
China Providents	$5½ nom.
Constructions	$1.90 buy.
Dairy Farms	$18½ nom.
Der A Wings	$6 nom.
Hongkong Electrics	$57 buy. & sa., 59 sel.
Macao Electrics	$35 nom.
H.K. Ropes (old)	$10 sel.
Do. (new)	$5 sel.
Lane Crawfords	$8 nom.
Mackintoshs	$19½ nom.
Sinceres	$2½ sel.
United Asbestos	$20 nom.
Watsons (old)	$13 nom.
Wm. Powells	$6½ nom.
Telephones	$3½ sel.

buy.—buyers; sel.—sellers; sa.—sales nom.—nominal.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 19th.

Paris	121
Brussels	34.88½
Amsterdam	12.12-15/16
Stockholm	18.15½
Oslo	19.21½
Prague	163-13/16
Madrid	31.82
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Vienna	34.40
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FAKED REMINISCENCES.

EXPOSURE OF "THE WHISPERING GALLERY."

SIR RENNELL RODD'S ALLEGED AUTHORSHIP DISPROVED.

A big stir has been made in London by the publication of a book entitled "The Whispering Gallery—Leaves from a Diplomat's Diary."

A preliminary "puff" article in a famous London evening paper stated:—

It is not only that the book is unonymous and that the identity of the author is being kept a close secret: though he himself in his preface tantalises the reader by saying that "among the diplomats of Europe my name is a house hold word," and later by dropping what may be clues to his name. But his material is such that one is not surprised he thinks it advisable not to write under his own name.

Few of the so-called books of revelations of recent years can touch in frankness this book, based on the diaries of one whose work in the last thirty years "has put me into closest touch with most of the prominent men in Europe."

There are here some of the frankest portraits of Kitchener ever penned; and these by one who evidently was not hampered by any spirit of hero worship.

Altogether, this book, written with such undiplomatic candour, is likely to make a sensation; and I shall be curious to see how soon the author is spotted.

When the book appeared it proved even more scandalous than was expected and the *Daily Mail*, which has several times done most useful work in the exposure of fraud quickly obtained an emphatic denial of several of the alleged incidents by the persons supposed to be concerned.

Our contemporary stated:—

"The Whispering Gallery" is by an author who has not the courage to reveal his identity.

According to his own statements, he is a famous "diplomat" whose name "is a household word" among the diplomats of Europe.

His book (which is written in the most slipshod style) is to reveal "secrets" and to give pictures of national figures "faithfully drawn for the first time." He even professes to be able to reproduce the very words of Sovereigns and statesmen in long and intimate conversations.

The silly character of his inventions may be gathered from his assertion that in one of these letters the Czar "promised to allow Germany to annex France"!

It displays a really surprising degree of ignorance on the part of the writer. Thus this "diplomat" of thirty years' standing is not aware that the Emperor William II. was in London in 1910 and 1911 for he speaks of the visit of 1907 as "the German Emperor's last visit to England." He spells "Bosphorus" "Bosphorous," and "General Townshend" "Townsend," both in the text and index. He knows so little French that he turns the French phrase "vous verrez" into "vous-verrez."

He introduces into an alleged dialogue with Cecil Rhodes (in which he professes to report Rhodes verbatim) a phrase which is a recent Americanism and was not current thirty years ago.

"A conversation given verbatim (in Chapter 10), is alleged to have taken place at Mr. Asquith's house, 10, Downing-street, at a dinner "in the early part of the year 1916," and the leading talkers, according to the romancer, are Mr. Asquith, Mr. Churchill, Mr. Lloyd George, and Sir Edward Grey.

Mr. Churchill's Statement.

Mr. Churchill, after reading the passage, commented as follows:

The conversations are puerile in their ignorance. I was at the front during the spring of 1916 and I never dined with Mr. Asquith after I left his Cabinet in the previous year. So much for the vonversation reported in Pages 151-162.

In this particular conversation there is this alleged passage of arms between Mr. Asquith, as he then was, and Mr. Lloyd George:

Lloyd George was on the point of retorting [to Mr. Asquith], when Grey intercepted quickly:

"What's the alternative suggestion?" [to Lord Kitchener as War Minister.]

Asquith smiled, sipped his port, and then replied:

(*Continued on next Column*).

RETIREMENT OF MR. R. J. GLENDINNING.

CHIEF TRAFFIC INSPECTOR OF SHANGHAI-NANKING RAILWAY.

After 21 years service with the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, Mr. R. J. Glendinning, the Chief Traffic Inspector, is retiring at the end of the year, and will leave for Australia early in January.

During his long service he has seen many changes and has had experience of railway operating under conditions not usually associated with his work. In his official capacity, says the *N.-C. Daily News*, he has necessarily and continuously been associated with the railway staff throughout the line and the affectionate regard in which he is held by them was fully demonstrated at a dinner given in his honour at the Great Eastern Hotel by the train guards. At this function there were many expressions of personal appreciation and sincere regret that the happy relationship covering so many years would be severed.

At this dinner, Mr. Glendinning was presented by the guards with a silver shield, inscribed in Chinese characters expressing the sentiment that remembrance would last wherever the holder might be.

"Ask David."

There was another laugh from the rest of us, broken into by Lloyd George, who slapped the table, jumped from his seat, and marched over to the fireplace, with the words:

"If you say that again, Asquith, I shall lose my temper."

Lord Oxford's Opinion.

Having read the conversations the Earl of Oxford (who was at the date of the alleged conversation Mr. Asquith), described the whole thing as

"an absolute fabrication"

so far as he himself was concerned.

Lord Oxford added:

"I have never in my life called Mr. Lloyd George 'David,' nor did he ever address me as 'Asquith.'"

[As a member of his Cabinet, Mr. Lloyd George would naturally have addressed Mr. Asquith as "Prime Minister."]

Two days later after a series of further denials by public men mentioned in the book, the volume was withdrawn from circulation and the directors of John Lane, The Bodley Head, Limited, the publishers of the book, acknowledged that they did wrong to issue it, and expressed regrets and apologies for doing so.

The next day, November 23rd, the *Daily Mail* stated:—

We are able to-day to give the name of the forger of that scandalous book of alleged memoirs "The Whispering Gallery," and the name of the diplomat which was used to induce Messrs. John Lane to publish that book.

The name of the forger is Hesketh Pearson.

The name of the diplomat which he fraudulently used, describing him as the author of the book, is the Rt. Hon. Sir Rennell Rodd, British Ambassador at Rome from 1908 to 1919.

Sir Rennell Rodd, in an interview given yesterday, made it certain that he knew nothing of the book and had—as everyone who knew him must have felt certain was the case—nothing to do with its concoction.

"We stated on Friday that 'The Whispering Gallery' was a faked book, and gave the evidence of five Cabinet Ministers, including two ex-Prime Ministers, to prove this. We determined to probe the whole business to the bottom in order to stop the manufacture of such untruthful memoirs with their disgraceful slanders upon the dead.

"As the result of our exposure, Messrs. John Lane also carried out additional investigations. When they found that they had been duped they made a straightforward apology and enabled us to prosecute our inquiries still further.

"It became clear to us on Sunday that the forger—the person responsible for manufacturing this notorious book—was Hesketh Pearson.

"We pursued our investigations actively yesterday and have now established beyond any doubt that this man duped Messrs. John Lane by making them believe that the real author was Sir Rennell Rodd.

"Sir Rennell Rodd states taht he has never seen or heard of Hesketh Pearson or had any dealings with him. Pretended conferences with him by telephone never took place."

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—MOTELEY'S CONCESSION. *C. Nina Boyle*. (*Geo. Allen and Unwin, 7s. 6d.*)

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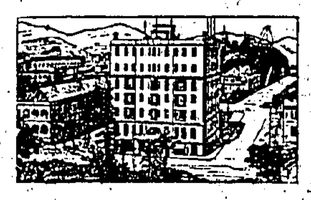
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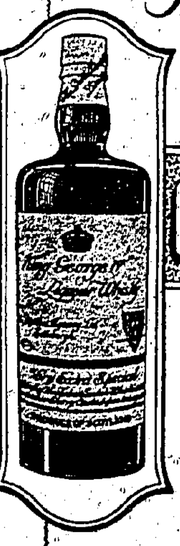
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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, December 20th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer ...	30.03	30.09	30.05
Temperature ...	66	63	69
Humidity ...	71	75	59
Wind Direction...	E	N	NNW
,, Force ...	2	3	1
Weather	O	O	C
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 19th ... 67.
Lowest open-air Temperature on 20th ... 63

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From December 21st to 27th, 1926.

Days of Week.	Date of Month.	High Water. H. Kong. Standard Time.	High Water. Height.	Low Water. H. Kong. Standard Time.	Low Water. Height.
		h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
Tues.	21	0 9 a	4 4	m 5 2	0 8
		10 12 a	7 8	3 39 a	3 6
Wed.	22	1 1 a	4 3	m 5 44	0 9
		10 45 a	7 5	4 12 a	3 8
Thur.	23	1 56 a	11 3	m 6 28	1 1
		11 19 a	7 1	4 47 a	4 0
Fri.	24	3 2 a	4 3	m 7 16	1 4
		11 55 a	6 6	5 25 a	4 2
Satur.	25	—	—	m 8 6	1 7
		Noinferior	High nor Low		Water
Sun.	26	m 0 35	6 2	m 8 57	2 0
		5 4 a	4 6	7 18 a	4 5
Mon.	27	m 1 23	5 6	m 9 46	2 3
		5 41 a	4 9	9 45 a	4 5

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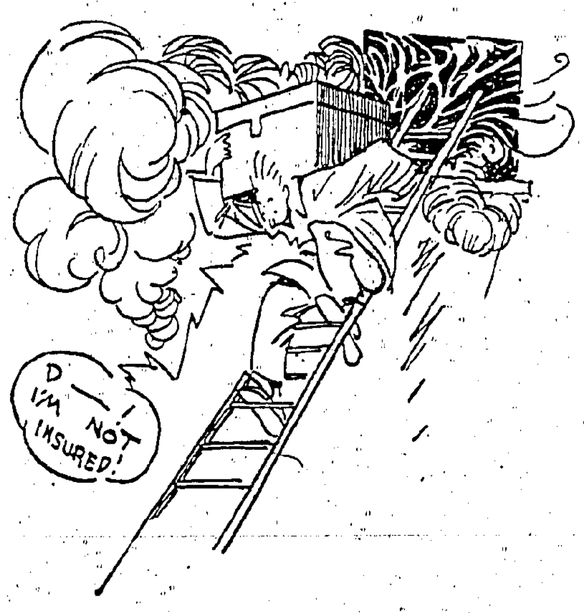
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LEVER BROTHERS' LIBEL ACTION.

ALLEGATIONS OF GIGANTIC FRAUD.

"Described as a man "who was far more dangerous with a pen then with a pistol, and who ought never to go near a writing-desk," William Miller Kneale, aged 42, an export agent, of Old Hall Street, Liverpool, was charged at the Old Bailey, recently, with having published a defamatory libel concerning Mr. Francis D'Arcy Cooper, chairman of Lever Bros., Ltd.

He pleaded not guilty.

Mr. F. T. Barrington Ward, K.C., opening the case for the prosecution, said that from first to last Kneale had been actuated by malice. The statements were wicked inventions to gratify his own ends.

"One rather wonders," he said, "whether he has not some abnormality of mind." He had convinced himself that he was the only man who could manage Lever Bros., and his policy was that if he could not have that management or a share in it, to fall to and attack one after another of the directors.

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Smaller Staff.

There were other letters, said Mr. Barrington Ward, and on May 13th, 1925, a few days after the death of Lord Leverhulme, he wrote to the present Lord Leverhulme:

"In view of the recent sad happening I feel the matter calls for something further from me owing to your dear father's death. . . . Perhaps God in taking him might have guided me to you. It seems like a trick of Fate my getting in touch with you just before his death. I think the coast trip took too much out of him."

That, commented Mr. Barrington Ward, was a gross impertinence. The letter did not make any suggestion of dishonesty, but said that there had been losses through bad trade which he could put right:

"I am straight as an arrow," the letter proceeded, "I could run the whole business with much less staff, and the day I set foot in your company you would notice a change for the better. . . . I want a place where I can spread out my wings. . . . Some men's hats get too big for their heads. . . . A super-man is badly needed who can put things right once for all. . . . With me at the wheel the African business ought to rise like a bird in the air."

On November 11th, 1925, he wrote,

"I think you have had time to reply, and after November 16th I shall no longer consider the letters as being private and confidential."

Bottomley and Bevan.

Did not that, he asked, mean that Kneale was going to broadcast the attacks he was going to deliver against the company? The letter added:

"You have talked of window-dressing. . . . It is for window-dressing such men as Bottomley, Bevan, and others are doing penal servitude. In other words, the abuse of public trust. . . . Has it never occurred to you that you might be brought face to face with a clever barrister?"

"Don't you think," asked Mr. Barrington Ward, "that I am justified after that in not putting Viscount Leverhulme in the box?"

He then came to the alleged libel:

"Was I right when I stated at the meeting of June 10th that millions had been squandered on anything the directors had a whim for, and that for years the company's shareholders had been disgracefully misled by a tissue of lies, deceit, and, as it appeared, false balance-sheets, which do not represent the true and correct position."

The last letter read by Mr. Barrington Ward was dated August 3rd. In it Kneale wrote:

"Is the company in a sound position? Is the company a gigantic fraud? It seems to me you are too happy in the knowledge that huge millions of shareholders' capital has gone west in various undertakings. You may call it high finance, but it is not an impossibility that an English judge and an English jury might term it by another name and inflict a smart punishment."

Drawing of a Grave.

When Kneale was served with a summons, said Mr. Barrington Ward, he showed the officer a drawing of a grave, gallows, a sword, and a heart with a dagger through it. It bore the words: "Here lies the body of —— Kneale," and declared that it emanated from Lever Brothers. He also produced a butcher's cleaver which, he said, he had found on his front doorstep.

Frederick L. Fildes, Secretary of Messrs. Lever Brothers, proved the receipt of a letter containing the alleged libel.

Sir Henry Maddocks, K.C. (defending): Was there a big loss over the Niger Company?—Yes, there is no secret about that. It was fully explained at the annual meeting by the late Lord Leverhulme.

The hearing was adjourned.

RETURN TO SHANGHAI OF W. A. CHAPMAN.

FORMER CLERK OF U.S. COURT.

W. A. Champan, who is charged with embezzling about Mex. $30,000 from the United States Court for China, is expected to arrive back in Shanghai tomorrow, according to word received from Seattle by Mr. Thurston Porter, the United States Marshal, says the *North-China Daily News* of last Thursday.

Chapman, who was formerly Clerk of the U.S. Court, left Shanghai early in July on a holiday in Japan. On telegraphic advice received from Washington, D.C., his books were examined and the shortage is alleged to have been revealed. Inquiries were made in Japan, and it was ascertained that that Mr. Chapman had left on the *"President Jefferson* for Seattle.

Mr. L. G. Husar, then District Attorney, despatched a telegraphic warrant to Seattle, and Federal officers boarded the ship and arrested him before arrival. He was brought before the Federal District Court and remanded.

Chapman put up a strong fight against being returned to Shanghai under the Removal Act. This is the first instance in which this law has been successfully invoked in returning a prisoner to China. Chapman having fought the issue in two Federal Courts and later appealed to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. It is understood that he waived the ultimate decision of this Court and agreed to return under the decision of the Lower Court.

Dr. George Sellett, District Attorney in Shanghai, will prosecute under, perhaps, one of five charges of embezzlement, etc., which were drawn up by Mr. Husar at that time. The penalty under law is 10 years' maximum imprisonment, with no minimum provided. The Government's case, it is understood, is fully prepared and there should be no delay in prosecution. The date of the trial, however, has not yet been fixed.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

THE ARRANGEMENTS AT ST. PETER'S CHURCH.

Special services have been arranged to be held at St. Peter's Church, West Point, throughout the Christmastide.

To-day being St. Thomas' Day, there will be Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m.

On Christmas Eve the time between 3.30 p.m. and 5 p.m. will be devoted to the decoration of the Church for Christmas. Gifts should be sent as early as possible during the day, and tea will be served in the vestry at 4.45 p.m., so that those decorating the sanctuary may remain, if they wish, for the evensong and preparation for Christmas service at 5.30 p.m.

At 11.30 p.m. on Christmas Eve there will be a midnight communion, and the Rev. F. Freeman, M.A., of H.M.S. *Hermes*, will be the preacher. It has been the custom of the Christian Church, since the time of St. Gregory in the 6th Century, to celebrate the festival of Christmas by having the service of Holy Communion at midnight, or before cock crow. It has been desired to revive this old custom at St. Peter's, and it is hoped that many of the congregation will make their Communion at this service. The service, as stated, commences at 11.30 p.m., and it will be fully choral. A special string orchestra will also be present to render additional music.

There will be Christmas Communion celebrated at eight o'clock on Christmas morning, followed by sung Eucharist and Sermon at 11 a.m. On the Sunday, which is also St. Stephen's Day there will be Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and Matins and Sermon at 11 a.m. On Monday, in commemoration of St. John the Evangelist, there will be Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m., and a similar service on the Tuesday on the day of The Holy Innocents.

It is interesting to note that the Bishop of London, whose appearance at other services in the Colony during the Christmas has already been referred to, will celebrate Holy Communion at St. Peter's Church at 7.30 a.m. on Wednesday next week.

There will, of course, be special Christmas services at all churches in the Colony, notably at St. John's Cathedral and St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, and fuller details regarding these will appear in the usual Church Notices later this week.

FIRST CHINESE WOMAN SOLICITOR.

MAY PRACTISE IN SINGAPORE.

Miss Kathleen Hoahing, aged 23, is the first Chinese woman to pass the solicitors' final examination in London. At the end of November she completed serving her articles to a London firm of solicitors, and is now fully qualified. "I want to go out East and start a practice of my own," she said to a Pressman, "perhaps in Singapore, where I have an uncle who is a barrister." Born in British Guiana, Miss Hoahing was educated at a convent school there, and when she came to England seven years ago finished her education at Salisbury. Afterwards she studied for a time at an agricultural college in Kent, and then became articled.

Before she goes out East, however, she will make a tour of the world. Much of her spare time is spent in travel. Her mother was the first Chinese woman to become a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland. Her younger sister studied as a barrister, but was married before she was "called."

ONE MORE ACCUSED DISCHARGED.

FURTHER STAGE IN "SUNNING" PIRACY CASE REACHED.

SAFE LOOTED AND SILVER DOLLARS COUNTED.

INTERESTING EVIDENCE BY COMPRADORES.

The hearing of the *Sunning* piracy case at the Central Magistracy, before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, progressed a stage further yesterday afternoon, when the twelfth session of the Court took place.

Yesterday afternoon, Mr. M. K. Lo, for the sixth accused, and a number of others, announced that he had now been instructed to also appear for the eighth accused (the Formosan). Evidence was given by three compradores of the *Sunning* as to the movements of the pirates on the ship, the finding of the empty safe, minus $3,200, and the counting of a further $6,000 in silver by pirates on the steamer's deck.

Another accused was discharged at the opening of the proceedings yesterday, this being No. 17. This now leaves eighteen prisoners, the other man previously discharged being the 19th accused (the ship's carpenter).

It will be recalled that on Friday afternoon, a discharged seaman of the s.s. *Chun On* (or s.s. *Philadelphia*), gave evidence to the effect that ten of the accused were members of the crew of this vessel, and were travelling with him to Hong Kong and did not take part in the piracy. In view of this evidence it seemed likely that a number of the accused would be discharged yesterday, and Mr. H. K. Holmes, the Crown Solicitor, who is prosecuting, and who admitted that the case for the Crown was weak against seven accused, promised to consider their cases and indicate on Monday against which prisoners he proposed to continue the prosecution. Yesterday, he was only prepared to make a statement with regard to No. 17, and the case continues against the remainder.

No Case to Answer.

At the outset of the proceedings, Mr. Lo asked whether Mr. Holmes was going to make any statement in Court as he (Mr. Lo) understood he would with regard to continuing the case against certain of the accused.

Mr. Holmes: The only thing I am prepared to say at the moment is that against No. 17 accused, unless your Worship thinks Captain Pringle's statement that he saw a man like him smoking opium in a cabin is evidence, I have no further evidence.

Mr. Lo: I submit that there is no case to answer on behalf of No. 17.

Mr. Londsell: I think you must agree to that, Mr. Holmes.

Mr. Holmes said he did.

Mr. Lindsell: The Court agrees. No. 17 accused is discharged.

This man thereupon left the Court.

When the Compradore Bolted in Fright.

The No. 1 compradore of the *Sunning* was the first witness called, and after giving details of the number of passengers on the steamer, described how he was making up passenger lists when he heard a commotion outside. As the disturbance grew louder he went out with the idea of quelling it, but on realising that pirates had taken control of the ship he bolted to the fo'castle, where he blackened his face and changed his clothes. Witness said he remained there all the time the ship was burning.

If Is Looted.

Witness mentioned that various armed men visited the fo'castle and questioned the crew, etc., and also said that he saw a man on an upper deck who looked like No. 15 accused, but he could not be positive. Witness said he could not identify any of the accused.

Witness said his room was burned out and when he left it the safe door was open. In the safe at that time was the sum of $3,200 in notes and silver, which was missing when he saw the damaged safe again.

Another Compradore.

The No. 2 compradore was next called and spoke of armed men visiting the fo'castle and enquiring as to whether any silver was being carried on board. Witness told the men there was no silver, and in reply to further questions informed them that there were three safes. He was forcibly ordered by the pirates to show them the No. 1 compradore's room. When they got there they found the safe was empty.

Question of Bullion.

The last witness called was the No. 3 compradore of the *Sunning*, who deposed to various incidents (previously reported) which occurred on the steamer during the time the pirates were in control.

The No. 1 accused, witness said, came to him and demanded the cargo list which witness handed to the man. Witness was questioned by this accused regarding the nature of the cargo on board. Witness was also asked by this man if the ship was carrying silver. He then went on to identify Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5 accused as among the men he met on board. No. 2 accused, witness continued, demanded the keys of the three strong rooms from the assistant compradore. Nos. 1 and 2 were both armed. No. 3 was also armed and witnes saw him twice, once in the afternoon, and again in the evening, when he saw this man go into his (witness's) room and search his belongings, but come away without taking anything.

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Silver Dollars.

No. 4 accused was also armed, and witness saw this man on the deck counting money about 11 p.m. on the 15th. No. 5 accused was also armed, but witness did not see him do anything particular. Witness saw No. 1 accused as well as No. 4 accused counting silver dollars on the deck. This money had been taken from the accountant's room, and amounted to about $6,000 in silver. Witness did not see any notes.

To Finish this Week?

At this juncture, Mr. Lindsell adjourned the hearing until this morning at 11 o'clock. The proceedings will be continued again this afternoon, and on Thursday and Friday all day.

There is just the possibility that the case will be concluded, so far as the Magistracy proceedings are concerned, by Christmas Eve. The Crown may not call all the witness they have at their disposal, and if the Court sits late this week the accused against whom a *prima facie* case is established will be committed to the Criminal Sessions for trial.

A DESPICABLE SNATCHER.

YOUNG GIRL'S PLUCK BRINGS THIEF TO GAOL.

The tenacity and pluck of a young European girl were instrumental in bringing a despicable snatcher to book yesterday morning, at the Kowloon Magistracy before Mr. A. W. Ainsworth, when a Chinese was charged with snatching a gold brooch from Miss Catherine Maxwell and also with assaulting her.

The evidence for the prosecution was that little Miss Maxwell was returning from the Post Office on Saturday afternoon. When she was near an alleyway at the rear of a block of houses in Peking Road, the defendant rushed out and snatched her brooch.

The prisoner took to his heels, but the complainant, nothing daunted, was hot in pursuit. The plucky girl caught the defendant, but the latter turned round and knocked her down. The chase was continued and, at the market, the defendant rushed into the quarters at the rear. Miss Maxwell went after him, and on the miscreant rushing out, a Sanitary coolie, who happened to be present arrested the man with the assistance of Mr. G. Gosano.

The prisoner, when arrested, was seen to have some blood smeared on his finger and that he had been scratched. Miss Maxwell was injured on her leg when she was knocked down, and was also scratched on the neck. The brooch was later found near the market.

The prisoner admitted being in the locality at the time, but said that a friend whom he was with snatched the brooch.

The defendant was found guilty on both charges and sentenced to six months' hard labour and twelve strokes of the birch.

RUSSIANS AT MUKDEN.

NUMBERS INCREASING: CONDITIONS EASIER.

The Russian population of Mukden is being increased daily by arrivals from Harbin and although last year at about this time the Russians here numbered 1,200 or so, the total now is nearer 3,000 than 2,000, says a *N.-C. Daily News* correspondent writing from Mukden. Various reasons are ascribed to this increasing Russian population but the chief explanation seems to be better prospects of employment. Most of these Russians live in the Japanese area, only a few residing in the International Settlement and the native city.

They have their own organizations and even a newspaper, at present turned out on the lithographing stone with the pages typewritten and the advertisements written up by hand. These people represent individuals of all walks of life but it is noteworthy that in the cabarets the women do not now include former members of the upper strata. This, of course, does not apply to artistes but to "dancing partners" only. The explanation is that all the higher class of women have, by dint of their education and a desire for saner living been able to find either husbands or congenial employment, leaving now only the real product where it belongs.

Living Conditions Easier.

Living conditions are said to be much easier at Mukden than in Harbin. For example, those who reside in the Japanese area find the attitude of the Japanese authorities sympathetic. The cost of a room is said to be cheaper here, with food available as cheaply as in Harbin, whereas those having contact with the Chinese authorities find them vastly more reasonable than those of Harbin. Passports and visas, Russians here declare, are easier to procure in Mukden and cost much less than in the northern city.

It is fully expected that in a couple of years the Russian population here will be a considerable one.

PICKETS TO "REMAIN INDOORS."

LABOUR LEADERS' INSTRUCTIONS.

THE TUG-O'-WAR TO COME.

OFFICIALS DESIRE PEACE AND ORDER.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Union pickets in Canton and the armed workers generally have been instructed by the Workers' Delegate Conference "to remain indoors" for the present pending the adjustment of their status in the Southern Capital.

Since the aid given by the workers in bringing the Kuomintang to power in the middle of 1925, the labour leaders have gradually been usurping the rights of the Government and have arrested and punished not only members of their own organisations but outsiders. On December 7th a Kuomintang order explicitly prohibited further outrages of this character. On December 16th the Canton police advanced to the stage of taking workers into custody for creating disturbances and on the 18th inst. instructions were issued to all Police captains to regard workers, in the same way as all other citizens, as subject to arrest and punishment for any violation of the law.

Many of the professional labour agitators regard this attitude of the authorities as distinctly "unfriendly" but in the opinion of the majority of the public the Kuomintang policy of promoting the welfare of the industrial and peasant classes will best be carried out by making all persons understand that each individual is entitled to the protection of the law.

Generals Li Tsi Hsin and Chien Ta Chun, now commanding the provincial and local troops in Canton, appear to be anxious to afford protection to members and non-members of the Kuomintang alike, but it is believed that there will be some opposition to this suggested return to a peaceful and orderly routine.

Canton bankers were able to maintain their rights the other day when they succeeded in getting the Kuomintang officials to effect the release of a local bank cashier who had been arrested by the Oil Workers' Union. The cashier contended that he could not pay a union demand, unless the drawer of funds was able to furnish the same chop as the one given for identification at the time of opening the account. Kuomintang officials in these days appear to be quite reasonable and, in this case, they ruled that banking practice should be observed.

Notwithstanding the activities of the anti-British Boycott Extension Society most of the firms dealing in foreign goods have forty per cent. or more of British goods in their stocks. The failure of the larger shops to buy as freely as usual for the year-end business is attributed to the unsettled conditions brought about by labour tyranny and uncertainty regarding the future rather than to any desire to shut out goods of any particular manufacture.

So far only Wuchow has an anti-British Boycott Society working directly in conjunction with that at Canton, but the professional labour leaders connected with the movement claim that their agents have already sent to Shanghai and that as soon as that port comes into Kuomintang control, an active movement will be launched there.

The Canton Seamen's Union is still detaining the three China Merchants' Steam Navigation Company vessels and are not allowing the consignees to unload the cargo on board, despite daily attempts made by one importer or another to effect the unloading.

Kuomintang Ministry of Finance is still issuing a warrant for $10,000 daily to the Strike Committee in Canton for the support of unemployed workers. Since the collection of the surtax on imports and exports the $10,000 has been appropriated from this account.

The Salt Bureaux in Canton and Swatow are to appoint agents in Fukien to assume control of the salt tax collection there. Since 1918, the Canton authorities have been gradually collecting the salt tax formerly under complete Peking control.

Following similar instructions from the military and the labour union headquarters forbidding publication by Canton newspapers of reports concerning them except in the form of authorized communications the Police have also issued orders denying the right of the Press to gather and publish news of police activities. Soon every Canton journal, it seems, will become an official gazette. According to one Canton journalist, however, the papers are still at liberty to reprint a post office mail notice without special consent from the Kuomintang Chief of Posts.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

THE SAIKUNG PIRACY CASE.

FIVE MEN CHARGED.

The Criminal Sessions opened yesterday, when before Sir Henry Gollan, the Chief Justice, five Chinese were charged with murder and piracy on the launch *Saikung*.

Mr. Dyer Ball (Acting Attorney-General) was for the Crown, and Mr. H. S. Lo (instructed by Mr. Gordon Leask) defended.

Mr. Dyer Ball said that the steam launch *Saikung* left Saikung about 2.30 p.m. on September 12th for the regular trip to Shaukiwan.

The launch got to Sai Wan about 3 p.m. and picked up some cargo, no passengers being taken on board. At the time of departure there were on the bridge, the coxswain, three Indian guards armed with rifles and ammunition, a male and female passenger and their children. In accordance with the anti-piracy regulations, there were on board certain grilles but it was not clear from the evidence whether or not they were closed. He (Mr. Dyer Ball) was of opinion that they were not.

A few minutes after Shi Wan was left, three men, armed with revolvers, rushed up the steps leading to the bridge and attacked two of the Indian guards who were with the two passengers on the bridge. Another Indian guard who was inside the wheel house went to their rescue, armed with one of the rifles which had been stacked inside the wheel-house. The guard used the butt on the assailants and in the course of the struggle he broke the butt of the rifle. Eventually, he was forced to the ground and one of the robbers, who would be clearly identified as No. 3 prisoner, drew a revolver and fired at him as he was in a kneeling position. Other shots were also fired, one of the bullets entering the abdomen and inflicting a wound which led to the guard's death in Hospital three days later.

The two other guards either jumped overboard or were thrown overboard, and took no further part in the incidents other than to return to the ship later, when the police arrived on the scene.

As the captured launch was approaching Leung Shi Wan, a police launch was sighted. The coxswain was told by the robbers to steam inshore and a fishing boat was boarded by the robbers who went ashore and were last seen disappearing over the hills carrying with them a small attache case and the three rifles taken from the bridge.

The police launch came alongside the *Saikung* too late to capture any of the robbers but the officer in charge conducted the launch back to Hong Kong and had the wounded guard taken to hospital. He also took notes of what he found on board.

The bridge of the *Saikung* bore evidence of the struggle and, in addition to Winchester rifle ammunition, which had evidently been taken from the pouches of the guards (some of this was lying on the floor) there was also ammunition on the floor fitting revolvers of three different calibres.

Tell-Tale Coins.

The Crown Solicitor then went on to detail the results of the despatching of No. 4 Police launch to the district where the robbers had last been seen. Evidence of a shop-keeper with whom five men had left rifles and not called back for them was referred to, also that a money changer identified No. 1 prisoner as the man who had changed a number of Hong Kong ten-cent pieces with him. The amount received in Cantonese money was found in the possession of this prisoner when he was arrested later, asleep in a public lavatory at Tap Mun, a small village on Grass Island.

The arrest of Nos. 2 and 5 prisoners had taken place at the shop of a tailor in the same district. The men, it appeared, had ordered new clothing there and were being fitted at the time the police put in an appearance. One of the men was naked at the time and fled in this condition to a wash house where he was arrested. No. 5 fled to a cock loft where he also was arrested. One of the seamen from the police launch had accidentally discharged his revolver and wounded the prisoner slightly.

The other two men were arrested in a hut on the hillside in which was found the attache case already referred to.

Dr. J. T. Smalley, of the Kowloon Hospital, gave evidence as to the wounds from which the Indian guard succumbed.

The Coxswain's Story.

The coxswain of the boat spoke of the attack by armed men. Three men, he said, armed with short firearms appeared on the bridge, whilst two others remained close by. He had recognised the third prisoner at an identification parade in Yaumati, and now recognised No. 1 and No. 5. When the attack was made, an Indian guard who was in the wheel-house went out and hit the third prisoner on the head with the butt of his rifle. The butt was broken off. One of the armed men then fired at the guard, who fell. The two other guards ran down the steps. Later the third prisoner pointed a revolver at witness, and ordered him to steer in another direction. A police launch appeared and witness was ordered to steer for the shore. Five men, including the first, second and fifth prisoners, whom he recognised, then got into a boat and rowed ashore, before the police launch had time to come up.

At this stage the Court adjourned to inspect the launch.

THE CRACKER NUISANCE.

ENTERTAINMENT AT QUEEN'S SPOILED.

ARTISTES INAUDIBLE.

The people attending the late afternoon entertainment at the Queen's Theatre yesterday had their enjoyment spoiled by the firing of a long string of Chinese crackers outside the China Building.

Dick Norton's Company of Globe Trotters were occupying the stage when the pandemonium commenced. A song was being sung by one of the lady members of the Company. Naturally the din entirely drowned her voice and there was nothing for her to do but to retire and the audience had to wait as patiently as possible for the noise to subside.

The disturbance, it is true, did not last for any considerable time but it was extremely annoying and might easily have led to a counter disturbance inside the theatre itself. The management were active in the matter and immediately telephoned to the police, but when the police arrived on the scene it was found that the crackers had been fired under a permit granted by the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs. It is understood that the permit authorised the hullabullo at any time between 5.30 and 6 p.m. As the performance at the theatre commences at 5.15 the permit must have been issued without much consideration of the convenience of others.

There is no doubt that the firing of crackers in the centre of the City should be absolutely prohibited during the ordinary working hours of the day and prohibited during day and night immediately outside of a theatre where the performances are practically continuous. It must be remembered that the site occupied by the Queen's was sold by the Government with the definite stipulation that a theatre should be built upon it and care should be exercised that the people attending the theatre should not be unnecessarily disturbed.

THE SHAUKIWAN MURDER CHARGE.

MIDNIGHT ATTACK WITH AN AXE.

The Shaukiwan murder charge was heard before Mr. Justice Wood. Mr. J. H. B. Nihill (Acting Assistant Attorney-General) prosecuted, and Mr. T. Addis defended.

The ship-building yard in question, said Mr. Nihill, was on the north side of the main street and the events in question occurred on the building yard premises, in the place where the employees slept.

One of the witnesses who slept in the same room as prisoner and the murdered man woke up on the night of October 19th-20th and saw the prisoner standing in the room with a blood-stained axe in his hand. Awakened by the cries of this witness, the brother of the murdered man also awoke and then observed that his brother lying next to him was covered in blood. The alarm was given and the prisoner arrested.

When arrested prisoner was unsteady on his feet and his breath smelt of drink. Evidence would show that he had purchased a bottle of wine that evening and a bottle which had contained alcohol was found in the room in which prisoner slept. Prisoner had on the day preceding the murder unsuccessfully endeavoured to borrow money from the deceased and other employees and had also tried to obtain advances on his wages. So far as was known he had had no quarrel with the murdered man and apart from his condition when arrested there seemed no reason why the attack should have been made.

Prisoner's Illness.

Prisoner's brother, who also works at the yard, spoke of sleeping with the deceased on the night he was murdered. He woke up at midnight on hearing cries, and found his bedmate suffering from severe gashes in the face. Witness did not see the wounds inflicted. Under examination and cross-examination he held that he was sleeping at the time the wounds had been inflicted, and only awoke on hearing cries. He further stated that he saw his brother (the prisoner) in the room with an axe in his hand.

Replying to Mr. Addis, witness said that prisoner had been ill for some time.

Mr. Addis: What illness did your brother have?—The only illness he had was that he could not eat any rice.—(Laughter.)

Replying further to Mr. Addis, witness said that the prisoner was always morose, and did not like speaking to people.

Replying to Mr. Nihill, witness said that he liked his brother "as brothers like brothers."

A Narrow Escape.

Another employee at the yard said that earlier in the day prisoner had asked him for the loan of a dollar, stating that he wanted to go back to the country. Witness told him he had no money. He saw prisoner later that night, but did not speak to him. At about midnight, witness was awakened by being struck and found prisoner in the room with an axe in his possession. He was being held by the last witness. Witness said that he was wounded in the forearm, which was luckily on his forehead as he slept.

At this stage the case was adjourned.

TRAFFIC OFFENDERS.

FOUR EUROPEANS FINED.

SPEEDS OF 50 MILES AN HOUR.

Mr. A. C. Tinson was summoned before Mr. T. W. Ainsworth yesterday afternoon at the Kowloon Magistracy for reckless driving.

Traffic Inspector Nicoll said that the summons was taken against defendant on a complaint received from Dr. Newton, who said that defendant's car only just missed hitting him.

Dr. Newton said that on December 6th at about 5 p.m., he was walking along Chatham Road, Kowloon, with Major Lynch. They were on the grass at the side of the road. He heard a motor horn hooted, and on looking back, he saw the car was about thirty yards away from him. The road was cleared of all motor traffic at the time, but defendant's car flew past him about a foot and a half away. Corroborative evidence was also given by Major Lynch.

His Worship: (to defendant.) What have you to say?

Mr. Tinson:—I really do not know whether I was guilty or not, as the incident is so old.

His Worship: Well, there will be a fine of $5.

COMPLAINANT AND DEFENDANT ABSENT.

When another case for reckless driving was called, neither complainant nor defendant was present.

Inspector Nicoll told his Worship that the summons arose out of a complaint received from Lt.-Col. Lewis, who said that he and some friends were on rickshaws going towards the Star Ferry. A motor car, No. 1008, going at a speed of about 50 miles an hour, almost ran into them.

Inspector Nicoll further told the Court that he had just received a letter from Lt.-Col. Lewis saying that he wanted the case withdrawn and that he would not be appearing to give evidence.

When asked as to the reason, Insp. Nicoll said that the driver of Car No. 1008 was Lt. Sloane Stanley, and that possibly he might be a friend of the complainant.

His Worship remarked that that was very unsatisfactory. A car going at a speed of 50 miles was a danger to the public. He would, therefore, remand the case for a week.

DRIVING WITHOUT A PROPER LICENCE.

For allowing his Indian chauffeur to drive his car without a proper licence, Captain Morris was fined $1.

The chauffeur, who was summoned separately, was fined $10 for driving a car without a licence.

Another offender summoned for a similar offence was Mr. E. Paradise. It was alleged that he allowed his motor-cycle to be driven by another man who did not possess a licence. The driver, Chief Petty Officer Jones, was also summoned.

Traffic Inspector Nicoll told the Court that the offence was a serious one, as the cycle had a side-car, on which, two persons were sitting, and there was another passenger riding on the back seat of the driver.

Mr. Paradise said that the cycle was given to C.P.O. Jones for repair. He met Mr. Jones on December 4th in Salisbury Road, and Mr. Jones told him that the machine was all right, and took him on a trial spin. Witness had some friends with him at the time, and they all got into the side-car. Witness further stated that he had only known Mr Jones recently, and was told that he (Mr. Jones) was a motor mechanic instructor in the Navy. Mr. Paradise said he thought that he had a licence from the Authorities for driving a motor vehicle.

C.P.O. Jones pleaded guilty to the charge of driving without an appropriate licence and said that he had only been in the Colony three weeks, he had not had have the time to take out a licence. He used to drive at Home.

Traffic Inspector Nicoll: Your Worship, if he has driven at Home, he would have no difficulty in getting a licence.

Mr. Paradise and Mr. Jones were fined $3 each.

PROPERTY SALE.

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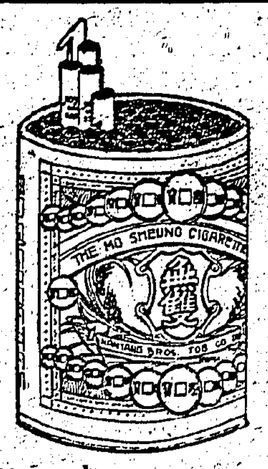
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By Order of the Court of Directors,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 9th December, 1926. [4281

HONG KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

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Hong Kong, 9th December, 1926. [4282

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

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BIRTHS.

FLAMME.—On December 16th, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. K. J. FLAMME, a daughter (still-born).

MCALLAN.—On December 14th, at Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. W. P. MCALLAN, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

BENNETT—POWELL.—On December 16th, 1926, at Kobe, Dr. C. BENNETT, of Shanghai, to MRS. M. A. POWELL, of U.S.A.

BERTHET—GLUCK.—On December 14th, at Shanghai, by the Rev. Father J. Noury, S.J., EUGENE M. GLUCK, of Petrograd, Russia, to ALBERT JOSEPH BERTHET, only son of the late Mr. ALEXANDER A. BERTHET, Chinese Maritime Service (retired).

DEATH.

WEBB.—On December 15th, at Shanghai, HERBERT WEBB, aged 53.

Hong Kong Office: 1A, Chater Road.
London Office: 131, Fleet Street, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONG KONG, DECEMBER 21ST, 1926.

THE AGENT PROVOCATEUR.

THERE is no more despicable human rôle in history than that of the agent-provocateur. Though the word is French the country which has made us familiar with the activities of this nefarious creature is Russia. The real nature of the agent-provocateur is perhaps best studied in one of La Fontaine's fables, wherein is depicted a she-bear rearing some young cubs in a hollow at the base of a tree, while at the top is a carnivorous bird also engaged in tending her offspring. The triangle is made up by the cat which first proceeds to the base of the tree and informs the mother that if she leaves her lair the bird at the top will swoop down and destroy the young ones. Having successfully sown suspicion and fear on the one side, she then—again posing as a friend—proceeds to the bird and by a similar tale throws it also into a state of terror. The result is that the parents fear to leave their young; both groups die of hunger and the cat has food for many days. The sower of suspicion, sedition and strife has his reward; he fattens on the carcases of his victims.

It is contemptible work for individuals to engage in. When a nation organises it and carries it through on the grand scale as is now being done by Russia it shows that the country is so sunk in moral disease that it is incapable of a right perspective, is completely unable to differentiate between right and wrong. It is well to remember, however, that the Russian Tsar only abolished servitude in 1861. That is to say a very large body of the population, within the memory of many now living, did not enjoy personal liberty. Even in 1920 fifty per cent. of the Russians were illiterate. It was early in the 17th century that the English people asserted their right to be ruled by Parliament. France joined the fellowship of free peoples in 1789. Russia, still illiterate, becomes a convert to this principle of Government more than one hundred years later and like all converts develops into a fanatical worshipper, oblivious of the fact that other nations have not only learned to be free but have also, in the process, become aware of certain duties and obligations. In other words, through long schooling, they have acquired a discipline imposed not by external force but by a sense of duty. What country in Europe, other than illiterate Russia, would have been so naive as to assume that a happy and prosperous people could depend on the sickle and the hammer, that the handworkers alone, unguided by science or art, could raise the status of a nation. The majority of the experiments that Russia is now making would not have been made by any other people for there would have been sufficient intelligence among them to foresee that they were bound to end in failure.

It is because of Russia's failure, even among her own people, to make communism work; it is because she has failed in U.S.A., Germany, France and England that she now takes up the rôle of agent-provocateur in the Far Eastern countries. In London she promises to forego propaganda. In China especially she sows sedition and hatred and rubs her hands in glee as she surveys the wreckage she has caused.

This is the nation, the last in the field of political development in Europe, which a portion of China has taken as a friend and mentor; a country whose rulers believe that a nation's greatness depends not on the whole-hearted co-operation of all classes, but in the dominance of those lowest in the scale of intelligence, a country which is guided not by reasoning but by the primal passions and instincts. It is no wonder that Russia is still seeking for that recognition in Europe and America which would confer on her a title of respectability. In so far as China officially links her fortunes with those of Russia she is bound to lose that reputation for courtesy, good-breeding and just dealing which hitherto she has enjoyed. Russia is teaching China that her international relationships have been the cause of her internal disorders. Nothing could be further from the truth for if every foreigner were eliminated from China to-morrow, and all traces of foreign association obliterated, the internal condition of China would be as it is to-day or probably worse,—something which appals and saddens the heart of every right thinking man.

One Chinese case of diphtheria and two Chinese case of enteric fever were notified on Friday.

There will be an open day and sale of work on Thursday at 10.30 a.m. at the Victoria British School.

The third boxing tournament under the auspices of Hong Kong Boxing Association is at the Theatre Royal to-night, commencing at 9.15.

In view of the military situation in Chekiang, the authorities suggest caution on the part of houseboat parties in making trips out of the immediate Shanghai area.

Kassim Hussan, an Indian, rescued a Chinese woman who attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour from the Kennedy Town waterfront on Sunday night.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending December 4th amounted to 31,188 tons and the sales during the period to 95,837 tons.

The ship's company of H.M.S. *Vindictive* are giving a concert at the Royal Naval Canteen Theatre this evening, to-morrow, evening and Thursday evening, commencing on each occasion at 8.45.

Mrs. R. M. Dyer will distribute the prizes to the successful pupils at the Kowloon Junior British School this morning at eleven o'clock. The function takes place in the school at Gun Club Hill.

Several thefts were reported during the week-end. A sum of $323 was stolen from a safe at No. 11, Wah Lane; property valued at $421.50 from No. 12, Russell Street, and $198 from No. 69, Portland Street.

Leaping from the second floor of a house in Spring Garden Lane, on Sunday, a Chinese received injuries from which he died shortly after admission into the Government Civil Hospital. The case is regarded as one of suicide.

Four Chinese, in whose possession two daggers, a bag of pepper, six walnuts and four rolls of wire were found were arrested by the Police near Un Long Village, New Territory, on Sunday. Chinese robbers often use walnuts to gag their victims.

We have received from the Portuguese Magazine, *Religiao e Patria*, a pretty almanac for 1927 (fifth year of publication) containing a quantity of reading matter and various illustrations. The *Religiao & Patria* is to be congratulated upon its enterprise.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Georg Leonhard Friedrich Geiselinger missionary at Lilong, at present residing at Jordan House, No. 229, Nathan Road, Kowloon, to Miss Anna Johanna Gackstatler, who is *en route* to the Colony on the m.s. *Fulda*.

The case, reported in Saturday's *Daily Press*, in which a Chinese was charged as the result of tendering an alleged forged Hong Kong ten-dollar bank note to a woman cigarette seller, was concluded at the Central Magistracy before Mr. R. E. Lindsell yesterday, when his Worship discharged the defendant after hearing Mr. E. McCallum for the defence.

Probate of the will of Mr. Cranston, late of Hong Kong, who died at Giffnock, Scotland, on February 12th, this year, has been re-sealed at the Supreme Court of Hong Kong, on the application of Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, attorney for the widow. The late Mr. Cranston left property in Great Britain amounting to £8,527 and property in Hong Kong to the value of $16,900.

General Li Pao Chang, Commissioner of Defence for the Shanghai District, has written a very strong letter to the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce complaining that the Chamber allowed its building to be used as a meeting place on Sunday for students and labourers, and agitators generally. If, the general concludes, such meetings are permitted in future, the Chamber and its officers will be held responsible.

One of two Indian watchmen possessing the same name of Kisen Singh, was yesterday charged at the Central Police Court with defrauding his namesake of $367 by representing himself as the owner of that sum and withdrawing it from the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank. The complainant in the case is employed by the A.P.C. while the defendant is also a watchman. Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared to prosecute and the case was remanded.

During the hearing of the *Sunning* piracy case at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, and towards the close of the proceedings, the No. 10 accused was suddenly seen to be swaying in his position in front of the dock, and gibbering at the mouth. He was escorted from the Court by detectives, and a few minutes later returned, apparently normal again. It appeared from what other accused said to the Court officials that this man was subject to fits.

A seizure of opium made on the J.C.J.L. steamer *Tjisalak* in November was recalled yesterday at the Central Magistracy, when a case previously adjourned *sine die* was brought up before Mr. R. E. Lindsell. On November 12th Revenue Officers seized on the steamer 2,350 taels of prepared opium, valued at about $28,200. After the seizure it was found that the No. 3 fireman had absconded. The Company were summoned under the prevention of opium smuggling ordinance. Mr. H. H. Turner, for the defence, explained the precautions taken by the Company to prevent opium smuggling on their steamers. Searches were regularly carried out, and every attempt was made to prevent contraband from being brought on board. In accordance with the rules of the Company, Mr. Turner mentioned that a certain member of the crew would be discharged. His Worship agreed that the Company had taken every precaution and imposed the minimum fine of $250.

THE STATE OF AFFAIRS IN CHINA.

BRITAIN TAKING THE INITIATIVE.

THE NEW BRITISH POLICY.

"THE TIMES" COMMENT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, December 20th.

Referring to the meeting of the Diplomatic Corps in Peking on Saturday, the *Times* deduces that the British Government has taken the initiative in an attempt to reduce all the premises and principles of the Washington Convention to a very simple issue—the practical recognition that modern Chinese Nationalism is a fact and many of its claims entirely legitimate—and says that it has really become quite intolerable if we should be blamed vehemently, persistently and exclusively for a state of affairs for which Britain, least of all, is to blame. The paper dwells on the hampering attitude of other nations on British policy owing to the necessity of keeping into line with them and rejoices that Britain's restraint and seeming passivity has been abandoned. It stresses that the British policy is the most liberal hitherto proposed and goes much the furthest in practically recognizing the legitimate demands of Chinese Nationalism. The paper considers it a very serious fact that China to-day is permeated with the most active forces of Chinese Nationalism and by Bolshevist influence.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

AN AMPLIFIED REPORT.

RUGBY, December 20th.

The British *Charge d'Affaires* at Peking has communicated to the Diplomatic Body a Note setting forth the new policy which the British Government desires to see adopted towards China. A similar communication will also be made to representatives of the Powers in London. In the meantime, the contents remain a secret, although it is known that the Note contains a frank and objective examination of Chinese events from the Washington Conference of 1922 until the present, together with conclusions regarding the immediate and future policy which the British Government regard as a logical sequence.

Commenting on this important development the *Times* understands that the proposals include a suggestion that the Washington surtaxes should be granted immediately without the paraphernalia of calculations, conditions and contingent hypotheses with which the proceedings of the recent Tariff Conference were burdened. "The British Government have taken the initiative in an attempt to reduce all the premises and principles of the Washington Convention to the simple issue of practical recognition, namely, that modern Chinese Nationalism is a fact and that many of its claims are entirely legitimate. There are two elements in this declaration of policy on the part of the British Government, firstly, a certain demonstration of impatience with delays due to continual divergence of opinion among the Powers jointly responsible for the application of the principles of the Washington Convention. Secondly, the adoption of a clear attitude towards Chinese Nationalist claims." The *Times* recalls that postulates of the Washington Convention were a sovereign China with a modern national sentiment and says that the British attitude from the beginning was that the grant of the Customs surtaxes should not be burdened with restrictions or by any special foreign interests. The necessity of maintaining a united front with other Powers, unfortunately imposed an ambiguous silence upon British representatives. The *Times* hopes that other powers will recognise the logic of the situation and of the British proposals.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

A PARIS PAPER'S COMPARISON.

PARIS, December 20th.

L'Oeuvre considers the British Government are wise to instruct Mr. Miles Lampson to confer with the Cantonese if only to remind the violent Nationalists of the South that Japan secured her independence at the end of last century not so much by force as by perseverance.

CINEMATOGRAPH FILMS OF THE HUMAN BODY.

AN X-RAY INVENTION.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 20th.

The radiologist of University College, London, working in conjunction with two cinematograph experts, has discovered a method of taking X-ray cinematograph films of the human body. The problem of producing a sufficiently strong illumination for moving pictures without injuring the skin of the subject has, it is stated, been overcome.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

CHINA AND THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

HOW PEKING PROPOSES TO PAY THE ARREARS.

LONDON, December 20th.

A telegram from Geneva reports that the Chinese Government has informed Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General to the League of Nations, that they are prepared to pay China's arrears to the League expenses, which exceed $1,000,000, with funds secured by an increase of one-half per cent. on the Customs duties on foreign goods.

MOTOR SPIRIT.

RETAIL PRICES IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, December 20th.

The chief brands of motor-spirit, from the pump, have been reduced by a half-penny per gallon everywhere; likewise from the can in London and the metropolitan area but can prices in Outer London have been increased by a half-penny per gallon.

[The following Reuter telegram was sent from London on October 31st:—The price of petrol through pumps tomorrow will be reduced by three-halfpence per gallon and petrol supplied in cans will be reduced similarly in London and the Home Counties, and by a penny per gallon elsewhere.]

THE LITHUANIAN CRISIS.

FURTHER DETAILS OF THE "COUP."

LONDON, December 19th.

Accusations, denials and counter-accusations propagated by the various Baltic States evidence the concern with which the Lithuanian *coup d'etat* is watched abroad, especially in Russia and Poland.

The latter country is credited with feeling anxiety on account of the recent ratification of the Russo-Lithuanian Guarantee Pact, which, *inter alia*, virtually recognised Lithuania's right to Vilna, which Poland has held with international sanction since Zeligowski's coup in 1920.

Reports from Warsaw to the effect that Lithuania is contemplating an attack on Vilna has evoked a denial by the Lithuanian Minister in London, emphasising the purely domestic nature of the *coup d'etat*.

Soviet Views.

The *Isvestia*, at Moscow, however, asserts that the developments are inspired by outside influences, particularly "the imperialistic elements of Poland," and says that the Soviets will not interfere in internal affairs but cannot remain a disinterested spectator of plans to abolish Lithuanian independence.

A message from Riga, says that military leaders at Kovno have induced the President formally to dismiss the old Ministry and sanction the formation of a new Cabinet under Professor Valdemaras. The latter has issued a statement that the revolt is due to a fear that the Government, which was too friendly towards the Bolsheviks, was steering the country to a catastrophe.

"Revolution" Forestalled.

RIGA, December 19th.

That they were preparing for a Communist rising in January supported by foreign gold, is among the charges against the late Government featured in the Lithuanian press, congratulating the Army for "carrying out the wishes of the people," and forestalling the intended revolution.

The newly appointed Commandant at Kovno has prohibited public meetings, strikes and profiteering.

Dr. Grinius has resigned the Presidency.

The New President.

LATER.

A message from Kovno says that General Smetona has been elected President of the Republic. Parliament has assembled and the town is beflagged.

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GERMANY'S NEW GOVERNMENT.

DR. STRESEMANN TO BE FOREIGN SECRETARY.

RUGBY, December 19th.

According to Press telegrams, Dr. Stresemann will retain his position as Foreign Secretary in the new German Cabinet, to succeed the Marx Government which was defeated on Friday night, and British observers assume there will be no substantial change in Germany's foreign policy.

CHINESE BISHOPS.

INTERRUPTED BY COMMUNISTS AND FASCISTS IN CHURCH.

THE POLICE SUMMONED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, December 20th.

The celebration of mass in a church in the south of Paris, in which the five Chinese bishops who are touring in France were officiating, was interrupted by Communists and Fascists fighting.

The police were summoned and dispersed the combatants, one of whom was taken to hospital.

The bishops were unhurt.

The ceremony marked a new phase in the history of missions. Later, the ceremony was performed in Notre Dame, Cardinal Dubois receiving the Chinese bishops, one of whom mounted the pulpit and spoke in Chinese for the benefit of many of his compatriots present.

The Director of Work, of St. Peter's, for the native clergy, emphasised the importance of the ceremony, indicating a desire on the part of the Church to grant the native clergy more autonomy.

The Chinese Minister was present and M. Poincare, the Premier, was represented.

[THROUGH HAVAS AGENCY.]

A FRAGRANT EULOGY OF FRANCE.

PARIS, December 20th.

Soun, one of the Chinese bishops, who attended yesterday's ceremonies at Notre Dame Cathedral, preached a sermon in which he eulogised France as "a garden where all sciences and arts blossom." He recommended the Chinese students in Paris "to gather, like bees, from these flowers all their intellectual honey."

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M.P.'S TRIP TO AUSTRALIA.

RETURN TO LONDON DEEPLY IMPRESSED.

RUGBY, December 19th.

The delegation of the Empire Parliamentary Association, headed by Lord Salisbury and including members of all parties in both Houses of the British Parliament, returned to London last night from Australia, where, on behalf of the British branch of the Association, a replica of the Speaker's Chair in the House of Commons was presented to Australia for the use of the Speaker in the buildings of the Commonwealth Parliament, at the new capital, Canberra.

The tour, which began early in August, was the most ambitious yet undertaken by the Association and included visits to Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Members of the delegation were everywhere received with great cordiality and have returned deeply impressed with the immense resources of the countries visited.

EMPEROR OF JAPAN.

RUGBY, December 19th.

Prince Chichibu, the Emperor's second son, is leaving Southampton by the *Majestic* on Wednesday for the United States, *en route* to Tokyo.

ELECTRIC MANNEQUINS IN LONDON.

MODELS THAT MOVE AND SMOKE.

Women in Brompton-road, London, recently stopped before a shop window dressed to represent a boudoir scene and rubbed their eyes when they saw moving figures in place of the ordinary wax models.

One of the figures was reclining in a gold-trimmed kimono beside a tea-table. In her slim hand she held a long cigarette-holder complete with cigarette. Idly she put the holder to her mouth and blew out a cloud of smoke.

Beside her stood the prototype of the slim young woman, who with languid ease displays the latest and most exquisite creations of the Paris dressmakers. She was wearing a fur-trimmed wrap, and she turned on her heel, lifted her arms, and inclined her neatly shingled head with the grace of the accomplished mannequin.

Not Alive.

On the other side of the tea-table was yet another model in a georgette rest gown, slowly moving to show off her clothes to the best advantage.

It was almost impossible to distinguish the two standing models from living mannequins. Even the eyes and hair were perfect. The tawny locks of the reclining model were not of real hair, and this was the only hint that she was not living.

The illusion of the models is made possible by an ingenious system of electrical machinery inside their bodies and the use of flexible "skin." Power to move is supplied by electric motors. The smoke emitted from the lips of the reclining model is produced by chemicals inside.

These mechanical models are claimed to be unique by Messrs. Harrods, Ltd., who brought them over from Paris.

THE CAIRO-KARACHI AIR SERVICE.

THE INAUGURATION.

SECOND LINER DEPARTS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

RUGBY, December 19th.

Yesterday marked the first stage in the inauguration of the new Cairo-Karachi air service.

The first of the De Havilland, H sixty-six, Bristol Jupiter Empire Hercules machines left London in the early morning and, after two hours' halt at Le Bourget, near Paris, proceeded towards Marseilles. It was, however, found necessary to land at Lyons. The passengers included Air Vice Marshal Sir Sefton Brancker, (Director of Civil Aviation) and three others.

The aeroplane will travel *vid* Naples to Malta, where it will await the arrival of the second machine which leaves London to-morrow. The third machine, on which the Air Minister, Sir Samuel Hoare, accompanied by Lady Hoare and his staff, will travel, is due to leave on December 27th. From Malta, the route will be *vid* Home to Cairo, where the first machine is expected on December 24th. It will remain there temporarily and the second machine will proceed to Basra. The third machine, which will reach Cairo early in the New Year, will leave for Basra on January 12th and thence by way of Karachi to Delhi.

A regular service will be operated in each direction between Cairo and Basra forthwith, but the Basra-Karachi section will not open until April. The air liners will leave Cairo each Wednesday on arrival of the mail boat from England and the return machine will leave Basra every alternate Saturday. When in full operation, the service will bring Karachi one week nearer to London.

THE SECOND LINER.

RUGBY, December 20th.

The second of the Empire air liners, for the Cairo-Basra route, left Croydon at eight o'clock this morning. It arrived at Paris at 9.40 and one hour later it left for Dijon. The first machine, which flew on Saturday from Croydon to Lyons where, owing to failing light, it remained for the night, continued the journey to Marseilles yesterday, and is proceeding to Pisa to-day.

ZANE GREY TO FILM NEW ZEALAND.

GOVERNMENT SUPPORT FOR THE ENTERPRISE.

Mr. C. Alma Baker, C.B.E., who has large rubber and tin interests in Malaya, has left for New Zealand, where he will be joined in January by Mr. Zane Grey, the American author, to engage in a big game fishing expedition which will also include the production of an elaborate film showing New Zealand's beauties and resources.

In an interview with a *Straits Times* representative, Mr. Alma Baker said that: "When fishing for deep sea fish in New Zealand in 1923, I had the privilege of a talk with the late Prime Minister, Mr. Massey, and I suggested that I should try to induce my old friend, Mr. Zane Grey, to undertake a sporting expedition to New Zealand, with the idea of creating a master sporting film, and also, if possible, writing a book on his tour.

Prime Minister's Interest.

"The Prime Minister at once realised the great advantage it would be to New Zealand if Mr. Zane Grey, with his world-wide reputation, could be induced to undertake such an expedition.

"On my return to Catalina, California, for fishing in 1924, I mentioned the subject to Mr. Grey who was very much taken with the idea. The Government of New Zealand wrote soon after to Mr. Grey, inviting him to come to New Zealand as the guest of the Government. Mr. Grey thanked the Government for this courtesy but said he would prefer carrying out the expedition by himself at his own cost.

"A New Zealand fishing film, directed by Mr. Grey, showing the episodes of large game fish fights, as well as other incidents connected with the expedition, and his sporting notes and impressions, will be of immense interest to New Zealanders and to people overseas. The Government are consequently helping Mr. Grey in every way possible to make his trips successful."

The joint Zane Grey-Alma Baker expedition will last about six months and cover both coasts of New Zealand and also visit New Guinea and the South Sea Islands. They will travel in a Nova Scotian three-masted schooner, and the expedition will include scientists, photographers and other experts.

PRIME MINISTER IN THE EAST-END.

FIFTEEN HUNDRED GUESTS.

UNIQUE POLITICAL RECEPTION.

To meet the Prime Minister and Mrs. Baldwin upwards of 1,500 guests attended a reception which was held recently at the People's Palace, Mile-end-road. Special interest attaches to the occasion, for never before has the Conservative party organised a function on the same scale in the East-end. The arrangements were carried out so that the proceedings should follow the lines of political receptions in the West-end. The invitations went out in the name of Lord Faringdon, president of the Metropolitan Division of the National Union of Conservative and Unionist Associations, and the guests included representatives of every East-end organisation which has, among its objects, the advancement of the principles of the party. The local Conservative associations, clubs, women's Unionist organisations, branches of the Junior Imperial League, and Young Britons all sent strong contingents, bearing testimony to the very live spirit which animates the supporters of the party in that area.

In the vast gathering were people of every grade of society. Each of the guests was personally introduced to the Prime Minister and Mrs. Baldwin, and in the task of receiving Lord Faringdon was assisted by Lord Jessel (Conservative Whip for London), Dame Helen Gwynne-Vaughan (Chairman of the Metropolitan Division), Mr. H. A. Hill (Conservative candidate for Bow and Bromley), Colonel James Dodge, D.S.O., L.C.C. (Conservative candidate for Mile-end), and the Hon. Evan Morgan (Conservative candidate for Limehouse).

It was not intended that there should be any speeches, but the Prime Minister yielded to the general desire of the guests. On coming to the front of the platform he was given three resounding cheers, which were followed by prolonged hand-clapping. He said: "I am just going to say thank you, and in saying thank you I want to tell you a remarkable thing that has happened to me to-night. When I was asked to come down here, although I do not dance, I thought that even a dance would be a pleasant change from the House of Commons. (Laughter.) So I said I would come down. But when I came my mind was full of a number of very difficult problems which I could not get rid of, but when I had been half an hour standing here they were all driven out of my mind by a much more difficult problem, and it was how on earth all the people who are going to dance to-night." (Laughter and cheers.) Alluding to the rapidity with which he had received the guests, he continued: "You know I love a party like this, and I think I have never done a record in time such as I have done to-night. I have been to a great many parties, and I believe it will be a world's record that will stand for a long time. But while you are on the dance floor I shall probably pay a visit to the refreshment room, if there is one, and then I shall come back to see how you have solved the problem of dancing on this floor. (Cheers.)

It has been a difficult year for us all, for me and for you, and I believe for our opponents. (Laughter.) But I am quite convinced that if you can maintain this spirit, and if we make a solemn resolution to-night, then London is going to do a great deal better at the next election than it did at the last. (Hear, hear.)

"But to-night you are going to forget these things, and I am going to forget the House of Commons. We are just going to see whether it is possible for anybody to dance anything on that floor." (Renewed laughter and cheers.)

Subsequent events proved that there was ample room for dancing, and in an adjoining hall a concert was given by Murray Ashford's Margate Party.

VICAR'S JOKE ON INN SIGN.

CURIOUS LION AND THE LAMB STORY.

Mrs. Robert Hole, of Seavington, near Ilminster, Somerset, a noted local artist, has repainted the sign of the New Inn, Hambridge, originally painted by the late Rev. Charles Marson, the well-known writer and collector, with Mr. Cecil Sharp, of Somerset folk songs.

He was vicar of Hambridge for many years.

The famous sign swings from a post in the centre of the wide approach to the inn.

An amusing story is told of the painting done by the Vicar. He was a man of the people and regarded the village inn as a social club. He noticed that the sign was in a weather-beaten condition, and in a chat with the landlord offered to repaint it.

Name Left Out.

The signboard was accordingly sent to the vicarage and a few days later it was returned.

The landlord was amazed to find that Mr. Marson had transformed it.

Instead of the words "New Inn," he had painted a lamb on one side, and a lion's head on the other.

The sign was replaced and the next day the Vicar was congratulated by the innkeeper and a group of villagers.

One of the admirers of the new sign naively asked: "But why did 'ee paint a lamb and a lion, Vicar?"

Mr. Marson replied: "Can't you see? It's as plain as a pike-staff. You go in like a lamb and come out like a lion."

The Rev. F. M. Etherington, Provost of King's College, Taunton, hon. treasurer of the Somerset Folk Dance Society, and an old friend of the late Vicar Marson, unveiled the restored sign.

HOW MOTORING BEGAN.

LONDON TO BRIGHTON 30 YEARS AGO.

COCKNEY CROWD'S WITTICISMS.

Thirty years ago last November 14th, says the *Daily Mail*, motorists received their charter of liberty, under which the law making it compulsory for all horseless carriages to be preceded by a man on foot carrying a warning flag was repealed.

On November 14th, 1896, to celebrate this historic occasion, 50 odd mechanically propelled vehicles started in procession from London to Brighton. This was the beginning of the motoring era in this country.

The full narrative of the event was published in the *Daily Mail* of Monday, November 16th, 1896. We read that:

The Embankment on Lord Mayor's Day was, in comparison with the Embankment on Saturday morning, a blank and cheerless solitude. By the time the horseless carriages started Whitehall-place was solid with people.

A Strange Array.

Among the strange collection of vehicles were:

Panhard dog phaeton.
Mr. H. L. Lawson's private landau.
Daimler dog-cart.
Britannia electric bath chair.
De Dion racing tricycle.
Lormont Paris steam bicycle.
Petter's oil motor-carriage.

Dealing with the pioneers' arrival at the starting point, the report says:

"Now, then, get on with that baked potato can," said a labourer contemptuously as a low-built, oil-driven car, with the motor in evidence at the back, came up.

Some of the cars when they pulled up vibrated visibly. The crowd made believe that this was the nervous trembling of the passengers, so they benevolently advised the occupants to take a pull of mild and bitter, offered to take any last messages of farewell to sorrowing relatives, and pretended to be agents for life insurance companies.

Only 12 Finish.

At Crawley there occurred what was probably the first motoring accident, a little girl being run over and injured. The report states that scarcely a dozen of the 50 cars reached Brighton. Some which completed the journey covered the distance, 52 miles, in less than 3 hours.

One machine came to a standstill a few moments after the start, and, breaking up the order of the procession, threw many vehicles out of the parade.

A prophetic blacksmith on the Brighton road who announced "motor-cars repaired here" got a job.

In a leading article on the event the *Daily Mail* called attention to the fact that the majority of the cars were of French origin. A prophetic passage in the article ran:

With a fair prospect of turning their inventive genius to account, our engineers and coachbuilders will speedily improve on existing models and show their French competitors that we are not going to depend on their brains for too long.

PEERS WARNED BY CONSERVATIVE MINISTERS.

FUTILE ATTEMPT TO DELAY ELECTRICITY BILL.

The attempt of Lord Carson to kill the Electricity Bill by referring it to a Select Committee of the House of Lords proved a complete fiasco. Only 23 votes were recorded for the motion and 104 against.

Mr. Baldwin betrayed his anxiety by his presence at the foot of the Throne for some time in company with his Whips, Commander Eyres-Monsell and Col. Gibbs.

"If you are to be a sham Second Chamber," exclaimed Lord Carson, "the sooner it is ended the better."

He resented the contention that there was no time for a Select Committee. It was put before them at the eleventh hour. But he wanted the best Bill passed.

The Earl of Birkenhead warned the House that the Government would profoundly regret a step that would prevent the Bill passing this year.

The Earl of Balfour, in the last word for the Government, made an earnest appeal, more directly to the Peers themselves, to beware of besmirching the great reputation which he assured them they have in the country. That (he said) would have a disastrous effect.

They were in danger (he declared) of bringing discredit on the legislative machinery and of inflicting a serious blow on themselves, not among Socialists, but among the large body of Moderate opinion which looked to them for guidance and protection.

ITALIAN BURGLARS' SHOCK.

DEAD BODY IN LOCKED ROOM.

Burglars who ransacked most of a flat in Bologna some time ago were mystified by one room which was locked and barred.

Believing that this would contain silver, jewellery, and other valuables which the owner was reputed to possess, they wrenched the door open.

Inside they saw the householder dead on the bed, with a charcoal brasier burning in the middle of the room. The burglars abandoned their loot and fled.

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RACING NOTES.

(By RAPIER.)

The subscription griffins were drawn for at the Jockey Club Stables last evening with the following result:—

Mr. M. M. Maas	Chestnut.
Mrs. R. M. Austin	White.
Do.	White.
Mrs. R. M. Austin	Dun.
Mr. W. T. Stanton	Dun.
Mr. D. G. M. Bernard	White.
Do	Grey.
Lt.-Col. V. Coates	Roan.
F. C. Hall	Light Dun.
H. P. White	Grey.
Messrs. Sim & Perry	Spotted Roan.
Do	Grey.
Mr. E. L. Sim	Grey.
Messrs. Austin & Paterson	Nut Meg Gray.
Mr. H. A. Seth	Black.
Do	Nug Meg Gray.
Mr. Ho Kom Tong	Grey.
Do	Grey.
Mr. T. E. Pearce	Brown.
Do	Grey.
Sir Victor Sassoon	Cream or Grey.
Do	Chestnut.
Mr. G. W. Sewell	Skewbald.
Mrs. R. M. Dyer	Black.
Mr. R. E. Ost	Grey.
Mr. C. B. Brown	Bay.
Mr. W. E. L. Shenton	Dun.
Mr. L. Reidy	Dun.
K.O.S.B.	Black.
Mr. H. Humphreys	Grey.
Do	Grey.
Messrs. Dyer & Beith	Skewbald.
Do	Grey.
Mr. L. Dunbar	Bay.
Do	Red Roan.
Messrs. Dyer & Beith	Skenbald.
Do	Chestnut.
Do	Chestnut.
Wayfoong Mess	Spotted Grey.
Mr. R. M. da Rocha	Grey.
Messrs. Tester & Abraham	Grey.
Mr. C. A. Peel	Grey.
Mrs. R. J. Paterson	Bay.
Do	White.
Messrs. Lee & Stanton	Bay.
Mr. E. L. Hosie	Bay.

There were 45 ponies asked for but five were rejected at the source of supply. The above number was made up by including five ponies set aside for sale as griffins. These have been drawn by Messrs. Maas (2), Mr. Ho Kom Tong (1), Mr. Dunbar (1) and Messrs. Dyer & Beith (1).

They are an average crowd of China ponies with no trace of mixed blood in any of them. Under existing conditions in the North we are fortunate in getting down these animals. This would not have been possible but for the assistance of a keen local supporter of racing whose help is much appreciated.

CRICKET.

OXFORD v. CAMBRIDGE MATCH.

To-morrow afternoon the annual cricket match will be played between the local Oxford and Cambridge Societies on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground.

Play will begin at 1.45, following tiffin, and will be continued until 5.30 when stumps will be drawn. There will be an interval for tea.

On Thursday the usual mid-week match at the Kowloon Cricket Club will be played. This week the Club are entertaining a team from the King's Own Scottish Borderers, who were to have played there last week.

There will be special holiday matches throughout the Christmas. On Christmas Day there will commence a match between the Hong Kong Cricket Club and the Army, which will be concluded on the following Monday. There will also be matches on the Monday between the K.C.C. and the Navy, and the Club de Recreio and the Hong Kong Volunteers.

CLUB DE RECREIO v. DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL.

In this game on Saturday the Diocesan Boys' School won by 2 runs. Scores:

CLUB DE RECREIO:—H. M. Xavier, c Kwan, b Mackay, 44; E. de Sousa, c F. Zimmern, b Lee, 0; H. A. Alves, c Featherstone, b Mackay, 0; R. C. Reed, not out, 19; H. F. Pinna, c Featherstone, b Lee, 0; D. F. Lopes, b Lee, 0; T. H. Carvalho, b Mackay, 0; C. E. Marques, c Anderson, b Mackay, 6; H. A. Barros, b Lee, 17; J. Figueiredo, c Anderson, b Lee, 2; C. M. Sousa, not out, 0; Extras, 1—Total 89.

Bowling:—A. Lee took 5 wickets for 26 runs and N. Mackay took 4 for 5 runs.

DIOCESAN BOYS' SCHOOL:—F. I. Zimmern, l.b.w., b C. M. S. Sousa, 24; D. J. N. Anderson, c Barros, b C. M. Sousa, 13; W. T. Featherstone, c and b H. A. Alves, 3; A. T. Lee, b R. C. Reed, 9; W. H. Kwan, st. Barros, b R. C. Reed, 0; R. A. Gerrard, l.b.w., b R. C. Reed, 8; N. A. E. Mackay, run out, 6; J. A. Fisher, b R. C. Reed, 6; F. R. Zimmern, b R. C. Reed, 3; T. A. Fox, b Pinna, 4; E. S. Cunningham, not out, 0; Extras, 13—Total 91.

Bowling:—M. F. Pinna took 1 wicket for 14 runs, C. M. Sousa 2 for 21, H. A. Alves 1 for 11, R. C. Reed 5 for 18.

HOCKEY.

ROYAL NAVY v. H.K.H.C.

This "shield" match will be played to-morrow at 4.30 p.m. sharp on the U.S.R.C. ground.

Club:—S. H. Garrod, J. Rodger, D. Lyon, A. A. Dand, E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), E. L. Sim, G. B. Slipper, L. M. S. Lloyd, F. G. L. Wheeler, G. R. Vallack, and G. P. Lammert.

YACHTING.

YESTERDAY'S LADIES' RACE.

A ladies' race was held at the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club yesterday, and conditions were favourable. In the Handicap Class *Dorothea* took first place, *Colleen* 2nd, and *Diana* 3rd.

Boojum won in the "Y" and "G" Classes, *Gael* being second, and *Ailsa* third.

Daphne fouled *Ailsa* at Cast Rock Buoy and hauled down her racing flag. In finishing the race, *La Linda* went over the line and was recalled, thereby losing about two minutes.

Detailed results:—

Handicap Class.

	Finishing Time.	Corrected Time.
Diana (3rd)	4.07.56	4.06.56
Colleen (2nd)	4.11.16	4.06.16
Dorothea (1st)	4.12.11	4.06.11
Argulla	4.13.47	4.07.17
Falcon	4.13.54	4.08.24
La Linda	4.14.10	4.10.10
"Y" and "G" Classes.		
Boojum (1st)	4.23.09	4.20.39
Ailsa (3rd)	4.23.22	4.23.22
Daphne	4.23.53	4.23.53
Gael (2nd)	4.25.16	4.21.46
Bluenose	4.26.04	4.23.34
Adele	4.26.16	4.23.46
Why Wonder?	4.26.29	4.23.59
Pierrette	4.29.00	4.25.00
Zephyr	4.29.09	4.25.39
Thecla	4.29.44	4.23.44
Joan	4.38.07	4.34.37
Sealark	4.37.43	4.35.13

The course was from the Club to Lyemun Beacon, Channel Rocks, Cust Rock Buoy and back to the Club, a distance of six miles.

LAWN TENNIS.

LADIES' RECREATION CLUB.

The semi-final stage has been reached in all events. The matches are scheduled to be played off before the end of the year. The finals will be played after New Year's day. The positions of the different events are as follows:—

Open Singles Championship of the Colony.

Challenge Round:—Mrs. R. E. Tottenham (holder) *v.* Miss Robinson (challenger).

Ladies' Club Championship.

Mrs. James has qualified to meet Mrs. Stark in the final by defeating Mrs. Davenport Brown in the semi-final by 6-1, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles Championship.

Third Round:—Mrs. James and Mr. Humphreys beat Miss Bourchier and Mr. Graves, 6-2, 6-3; Mr. and Mrs. Forster beat Col. and Mrs. C. Russell Brown.

The two pairs meet in the first semi-final. Mr. and Mrs. Railton meet Mr. and Mrs. Stark in the other semi-final.

Mixed Doubles Handicap.

Third Round:—Major and Mrs. Stevenson (owe 30) beat Mrs. Russell Brown and Mr. Larkcom (scr.), 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 and now meet Mrs. Rowley and Mr. Baker in the first semi-final. Mrs. Machidan and Mr. Rowley (rec. 15.6) beat Miss Newsholme and Mr. Evans (owe 22/6), 6-4, 6-2, and now meet Mrs. Hickling and Dr. Tottenham (owe 15) in the other semi-final.

Handicap Doubles.

Mrs. Haslam and Mrs. Rowley (owe 15.2) meet the winners of Mrs. Stark and Mrs. James (owe 15.3) and Mrs. Craig and Mrs. Clelland (rec. 15.3) in the final.

Men's Singles Championship.

Dr. Tottenham and R. M. Henderson meet in the first semi-final. Major Stevenson and Col. Russell Brown meets in the other semi-final.

DAVIS CUP.

GREECE TO BE REPRESENTED NEXT YEAR.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

NEW YORK, December 20th.

Greece has filed a Davis Cup challenge for 1927, the first time she has competed. The Greek representatives have elected to play in the European zone.

INTERPORT RUGBY.

VISIT OF SHANGHAI TO HONG KONG SUGGESTED.

NOT AT CHRISTMAS, BUT PROBABLY IN CHINA NEW YEAR.

A *North-China Daily News* to hand states that in view of the serious illness of the Emperor of Japan, the Keio University have cancelled the matches which were to have been played at Tokyo during the Christmas holidays between the Shanghai Rugby Football Club and Japanese Clubs. Under these circumstances the Shanghai team will not proceed to Japan, but as arrangements had been made for an interport match away from home, a wire was despatched to Hong Kong offering to play three games here.

On enquiry from an official of the Hong Kong Rugby Football Club yesterday, a *Daily Press* representative was informed that the telegram from Shanghai had been received, and that a reply was sent to Shanghai last Friday regretting that it was impossible at the short notice to arrange an interport fixture for the Christmas Holidays.

It is possible, however, that arrangements will be made for a Rugby interport between Hong Kong and Shanghai at Hong Kong in China New Year, and Shanghai have been notified to this effect.

GOLF.

GOVERNOR'S SHIELD COMPETITION.

SECOND ROUND NOW COMPLETED.

Recently we published the results in the first and part of the Second Round of the competition for the Governor's Shield, and now we are able to record the rest of the results in the Second Round, which has now been completed.

They are as under:—

R.A.M.C. (Col. Boylan Smith and Major Lynch) beat Prison Department (J. W. Franks and Capt. H. F. Bloxham), 5 and 4.

Bank Line (J. R. Collis and D. Forbes) beat Union Insurance (E. A. Brodie and J. W. Alabaster), 6 and 4.

H.K. and S. Bank (R. L. Moncrieff and E. D. Black) beat Jardine, Matheson & Co. (W. B. Cornaby and A. Piercy) 1 up.

Butterfield and Swire (H. P. Ireland and W. Ironside) beat A.P.C. (T. D. E. Pendered and W. A. Butterfield) 7 and 6.

Shewan, Tomes (W. Shewan and J. B. Coulthart) beat Dodwell & Co. (R. M. Smith and L. G. S. Dodwell) 2 and 1.

Johnson' Stokes and Master (D. J. Lewis and L. R. Andrewes) beat Vacuum Oil Co. (I. H. Geare and C. C. Stark) 3 and 2.

B.A.T. (F. A. Perry and S. M. Maves) beat University (M. H. Roffey and C. A. Middleton Smith) 3 and 1.

P.W.D. (A. E. Lissaman and N. K. Littlejohn) beat Holyoak, Massey & Co. (A. K. Mackenzie and C. V. Mark) 2 and 1.

The Remaining Rounds.

In the third round, which has to be completed by January 1st, the B.A.T. pair have beaten the P.W.D. pair by 1 up, and have thus now qualified for the semi-final stage. There now remain three matches to be played before the semi-finals can be decided. The final is to be played on January 30th.

RUMOURED BRITISH BREWERY FUSION.

It is believed in British brewery trade circles that a big amalgamation of brewery companies, including perhaps also one or more provincial companits, may be arranged.

Among the companies suggested by rumour as possible participants in such an amalgamation are:

Watney, Combe, Reid & Co., of Pimlico, Mortlake, and Isleworth;
Hoare & Co., of Stepney, and
Marston, Thompson, & Evershed, of Burton and elsewhere.

No confirmation of any definite steps towards such a fusion is as yet to hand.

BOXING.

TO-NIGHT'S TOURNAMENT.

CHANCES OF THE CONTESTANTS.

[CADOGYDD.]

To-night at the City Hall, the Hong Kong Boxing Association are holding their third boxing tournament of the season, and I believe that the spectators will have a rare treat.

A.B. Ewin and Stoker "Taff" Howard meet in a fifteen-round contest for the Middleweight Championship of the Colony. Ewin is well-known here. Howard made his first appearance at the last tournament, when he forced P.O. Francis to withdraw in a heavyweight contest. His showing, however, was not impressive.

I have seen Ewin at each of the fights he has fought in Hong Kong. He is quite a good boxer, but as yet he has not been pitted against such a dour fighter as Howard. Only the other day Ewin was fighting in the welters. Now he has gone to the middles. For to-night's fight, Howard will be lighter than he was when he fought Francis. I cannot see what chance Ewin has in this fight. If Howard can beat Francis and this he did easily, he should have an easier task in fighting Ewin.

No doubt a large number of spectators will be present merely to see Eddie Eagan, "the Amateur Heavyweight Champion of the World," who is meeting Stoker Addison, of H.M.S. *Hermes*. Eagan should win comfortably.

Marine Hills and Cpl. McManus meet once again in a six-round featherweight bout. Hills won the last fight. McManus will no doubt fight differently, but I think Hills will win again.

A good fight should result between Stoker Reynolds and Stoker Evans in the welters. Evans put up a great fight against Stoker Morrell at the last tournament. Good as Evans is, I believe Reynolds is better, and should win.

Stoker Morrell is likely to defeat L/S. Gray in the middleweights.

Threadingham should defeat Foxley in the bantamweights.

"TIM" NOT RESIGNING.

Mr. "Tim" Healy denies the statement that he is resigning the Governor-Generalship of the Irish Free State, says an agency report.

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WHY THE MONEY IS GIVEN.

A pink cheque, enclosed in a morocco frame with a gilt scroll-work for border, stands on the mantel-piece, writes Mr. J. A. H. Catton in the *Evening Standard*. Nearly every visitor picks up this uncommon souvenir. The date on the cheque is May 12th, 1914, the Union Bank of Manchester being ordered to "pay Derby County Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds for and on behalf of the Manchester City Football Club, Limited."

This scrap of paper rivets the attention of my friends.

"A cheque for £2,500 which has come back to the drawer from the bank! What *do* you keep that for in a frame!"

"Well, you see, that cheque was at that time the highest sum ever paid for the transfer fee of any Association football professional."

"Oh! And the player's name!"

"That cheque related to Horace Barnes, the inside-left who went from Derby to Manchester City."

A similar conversation to this has happened dozens of times, in my "den." Once there was a variation, for a friend said: "And you preserve a reminder of this modern variation of the slave trade." That leads to an explosion. I am not to be tempted into argument her and now.

All-Night Negotiations.

But the fact that this cheque commemorates is that about three months before the war this sum was regarded as the record transfer fee for a player, but I have reason to know that Blackburn Rovers paid £2,600 for Percy Dawson, the centre-forward of the Heart of Midlothian, after a discussion which lasted from dark to daylight.

Instead of fees for players becoming less, they have been magnified and not long ago, it was stated that Partick Thistle had demanded £10,000 for the release of Gibson, a half-back either on the right flank or in the centre, from Everton.

The report was soon officially denied, and it was stated that the transfer of Gibson had never been considered by the board of directors of Partick Thistle, but it was admitted that some director might have jokingly said that "it would take £10,000 to shift Gibson."

Should be the Best in the World!

Of course, this son of old Neil Gibson, the international half-back of long ago, is said to be a very good player. At the price he ought to be; in fact, he ought to be the best in the world.

I have heard from a source that I cannot doubt that Newcastle United had hopes of getting this player because he has a brother with the Tyneside club. Then McMullan, the international left half-back, is a great friend of the Partick celebrity. Now McMullan is with Manchester City, who had, or have an ambition to land this big fish.

But Everton and Arsenal have had this young Scot under review. I am told by Glasgow friends that both clubs have visited Glasgow in search of the man.

To all inquiries Partick Thistle have announced their intention of retaining the player until the end of this season—at least.

We shall see, for the Thistle directors, like others, are only human and the temptation of a handsome cheque is difficult to withstand. Moreover, the player has to be remembered, for he would receive a considerable percentage of the fee. He may long for such a windfall and become discontented if the opportunity be denied him.

The Deciding Factor.

But no club would give £10,000 for any single player. It was said that this was the amount handed over for the transference of Hugh Galacher by Newcastle United to the Airdrieonians. The report was not correct.

Of course, the general public will say that no footballer is worth £10,000. Probably not, but it is necessary to remember that the deciding factor is the value of the man to the club which needs him, for his assistance might prevent relegation which would not be dear to a club like Everton at £10,000.

Since the war some clubs have spent from £13,000 to £18,000 to secure men who have prevented them from danger of descent to the Second Division. Each, however, obtained the services of several players, and that is quite a different proposition.

It is well to realise that money is not all-powerful in football. If Everton did pay £10,000 for any player their sole justification would be that for the preservation of the club in the First Division no money, honestly laid out, would be either a waste or a sacrifice.

It must be remembered that the transfer system is part of an artificial scheme of spectacular sport, and that where only English clubs are concerned the money paid merely changes hands and comes back into the game. Nor should it be overlooked that no player can be transferred against his will, and that he has a direct interest in the value put upon his services. Professionals as a whole oppose the abolition of an exchange for a consideration.

PRISON FOR KENTISH GOAL-KEEPER.

William Francis, goalkeeper of the Foots Cray, Kent, Football Club, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour at Northfleet recently for assaulting Frederick Thomas Addiscott, of Chatham, the referee in a Cup-tie between the Crusaders and Foots Cray at Rosherville.

Mr. Addiscott said he ordered Francis off the field for striking a player and as he was taking out his note book he received a blow on the face. He knew nothing more until he found himself in the hospital at Rochester. Both his eyes were blackened, his nose broken, and lip split.

"PRESIDENT POLK" ARRIVES.

HEAVY LIST OF THROUGH PASSENGERS.

S.S. "PRESIDENT JEFFERSON" DUE TO-DAY.

The Dollar Line s.s. *President Polk*, came into port yesterday morning, under the command of Capt. K. A. Ahlin, from San Francisco *vid* ports.

The liner brought 13 European cabin passengers for Hong Kong, and carried 11 away from here. She has 17 through passengers for Manila, 50 for Singapore, 9 for Penang, 8 for Colombo, 26 for Suez, Port Said and Alexandria, 9 for Naples, 3 for Marseilles and 6 for Boston.

She will leave for Manila this morning.

Among the passengers were:—

Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Gibson *en route* to Manila. Mr. Gibson is Far East Manager of the Bethlehem Steel Co., Bethlehem, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Bateman, an importer from New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Jackson, of San Francisco. Mr. Jackson is with the James Graham Manufacturing Co., San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Graeme Howard and son for Singapore. Mr. Howard is Vice-President and Regional Manager of the Far East for the General Motors Export Co., of New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Jones. Mr. Jones is assistant manager of the General Manufacturing Department of the General Motors Export Co., New York.

Mr. Earl E. Kavanaugh, of the Nederlandsche Koloniale Petroleum Maatschappij, Batavia, Java.

Bishop and Mrs. Titus Lowe. The Bishop is of the Methodist Episcopal Church, of Singapore.

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Phoenix. Mr. Phoenix is President of the "Bradley Knitting Co." of Delavan, Wisconsin.

Miss Lillian Schoedler, Secretary to the Regional Director, Far East, of the General Motors Export Co., New York.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Tarpenning, of the Standard Oil Company of New York.

Dr. L. M. Venable, a prominent dentist of Calcutta, who is returning to India from a holiday in the United States.

Mr. and Mrs. Don A. Goodwin, who are booked for Port Said. Mr. Goodwin is the owner of the "Hotel Akron," in Akron, Ohio.

Senator and Mrs. M. B. Harris, of Fresno, California. Senator Harris is senior member of the law firm of Messrs. Harris, Johnson, Willey & Griffith, Fresno, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Erhardt. Mr. Erhardt is representative of the American Powder Mills in Boston, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Moor, of Los Angles, are on a trip around the world. Mr. Moor is associated with C. C. C. Tatun, in real estate in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Gustave Krause. Mr. Krause is Vice-President and General Manager of the Klamath Lumber and Box Company, in Klamath, Ore.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wolff, who are accompanied by their daughter Miss Helene. Mr. Wolff is owner of the "Wolff Fording & Co.," theatrical supplies in Boston. They are making a trip around the world.

The *President Jefferson* is due to arrive here this morning from Shanghai, and will bring the U.S. and Canadian mails.

SHIPPING CASE IN MIXED COURT.

NINGPO-SHAOSHING CO. SUED BY NISSHIN KISEN KAISHA.

At the Mixed Court, Shanghai last week, before Messrs. Tajima, Martin and Loh (Japanese and British Assessors and Chinese Magistrate, respectively) the case was begun in which the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha sued the Ningpo-Shaoshing Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., for Tls. 11,212, damages said to have been sustained as the result of a collision between steamers belonging to the parties concerned. The main point at issue was which of the two vessels deviated from its course.

The petition of the Nisshin Kisen Kaisha, represented by Mr. G. H. Wright, assisted by Mr. J. McNill, alleged that shortly after midnight of December 10th, 1925, while the *Suiyang Maru* was proceeding from Wuhu to Kiukiang, the str. *Ningshao*, of the defendant company, seemed to be overtaking her. While the *Suiyang Maru* altered course to avoid four salt junks, the *Ningshao* veered suddenly to starboard and struck the *Suiyang Maru*. The petition alleged that the *Ningshao* improperly failed to slacken speed and that the collision was due to negligent navigation by the *Ningshao*. Particulars of the damage are as follows:—

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Mr. H. Lipson Ward represented the defendants. Defendants allege that the collision was solely occasioned or alternatively contributed to by the negligent navigation of the *Suiyang Maru* in (a) not porting her helm at the time of giving one short blast on her whistle; (b) not keeping her course and speed; and (c) Starboarding her helm and suddenly going to port.

Evidence was given by the pilot of the *Ningshao* and the hearing was adjourned.

TOTALISATOR SCHEME FOR LONDON.

MR. JAMES WHITE THE PROMOTER.

It was revealed at Derby Races that Mr. James White, the well-known financier and sportsman, is at the head of the syndicate which proposes to establish a Totalisator in London, with agents to accept instructions on all the principal racecourses.

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To-day he is managing director of the Beecham Trust, Ltd., chairman of George Edwardes (Daly's Theatre), Ltd., and director of the Tyre Investment Trust Fund.

One of his most recent deals was the purchase of the Wembley Exhibition. He was one of the syndicate which paid £5,000,000 for the cotton mills of Messrs. Horrocks Crewdson, and has been associated with the purchase of more than one valuable site in London, notably that where the General Post Office used to stand, and the Foundling Hospital site, Bloomsbury.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

FOR DECEMBER, 1926.

(STANDARD TIME OF 120TH MERIDIAN, OF GREENWICH).

Date.	*Sunrise.*	*Sunset.*
December 21st	6.58 a.m.	5.44 p.m.
" 22nd	6.59 "	5.44 "
" 23rd	6.59 "	5.45 "
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" 25th	7.00 "	5.46 "
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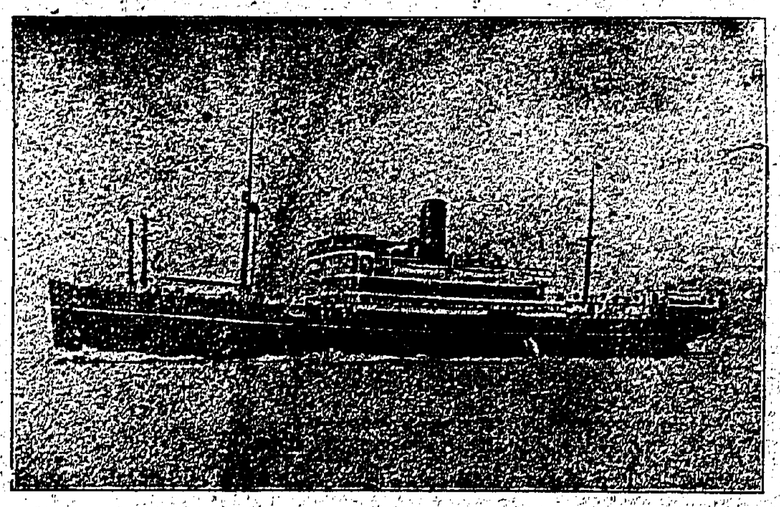
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ARRIVALS.

December 19th.

Clara Jebsen, Danish str., 1,073 tons, Capt. J. Davidson, from Bangkok and Hoihow, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C19.—Jebsen & Co.

Fuk Tai, Chinese str., 1,016 tons, Capt. A. Buhre, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C41.—Shun Tai S.S. Co.

Haldis, British str., 1,141 tons, Capt. S. J. Lynch, from Tourane, which port she left on December 16th, with salt and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C15.—Wo Fat Shing.

Lee Sang, British str., 973 tons, Capt. J. McAinsh, from Shanghai *viâ* Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at West Point Wharf.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

Tai Sze Ma, Chinese str., 402 tons, Capt. Lo Yat Sun, from Kwang Chau Wan, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C36.—Wing Yin Co.

Tak Hing, Chinese str., 105 tons, Capt. Cheng Yung Fat, from Autau, with a general cargo, lying at Luen Cheong Wharf.—Fook Hoi S.S. Co.

Taming, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. E. M. Gellie, from Haiphong and Hoihow, with rice and general cargo, lying at buoy No. C44.—B. & S.

December 20th.

Gemma, Dutch str., 5,337 tons, Capt. Brouwer, from Manila, which port she left on December 17th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—J.C.J.L.

Kiangan, British str., 1,555 tons, Capt. C. S Isbister, from Bangkok and Swatow, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. B11.—B. & S.

Morioka Maru, Japanese str., 4,469 tons, Capt. S. Amano, from Calcutta *viâ* Singapore. The latter port she left on December 12th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

New Mathilde, British str., 842 tons, Capt. E. G. Rapley, from Haiphong, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. C40.—Ying Tai S.S. Co.

President Polk, American str., 10,533 tons, Capt. K. A. Ahlin, from New York *viâ* ports. She left Shanghai on December 17th, with 1,030 tons of general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

Sui Yang, British str., 1,594 tons, Capt. P. E. Purslow, from Canton, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. E9.—B. & S.

Tone Maru, Japanese str., 2,513 tons, Capt. I. Furukawa, from Miike, which port she left on December 14th, with 4,208 tons of coal, lying at Wanchai.—M.B.K.

CLEARANCES.

December 20th.

Daifuku Maru, for Hongay.
Formosa, for Shanghai.
Gemma, for Shanghai.
Lee Sang, for Canton.
Morioka Maru, for Moji.
President Polk, for Canton.
Ryusho Maru, for Canton.
Sui Yang, for Amoy.
Sumatra Maru, for Singapore.
Wing Wo, for Tourane.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVALS.

Per s.s. *President Polk*, from San Francisco *viâ* ports, on December 20th:—Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Atwood, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Church, Mr. and Mrs. W. Geus, Miss B. L. Haskell, Mr. W. Lyons, Mr. G. B. Roorbach, Mr. W. S. Royston, Mr. and Mrs. B. Willis and Miss M. Willis. Among passengers passing through were: Mrs. M. Boyes, Mrs. F. Buckel, Mr. L. H. Burke, Miss K. S. Davis, Miss A. L. Garrecht, Mrs. A. R. Greene, Mr. D. E. Greenlee, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Gibson, Mrs. G. L. Hewitt, Mr. W. B. Pennington, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Stewart, Master C. P. Stewart, jr., Miss N. R. Stewart, Master W. R. Stewart, Mrs. A. Tiffany, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Amstutz, Miss B. Amstutz, Mrs. F. M. Bartley, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bateman, Miss G. S. Beesemyer, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Ferguson, Miss E. B. Graham, Mr. and Mrs. G. K. Howard, Master R. E. Howard, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Jones, Mr. E. M. Kavanaugh, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Knapp, Miss E. C. Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Lasell, Miss E. Lasell, Master S. Lasell, Master E. Lasell, Mr. A. N. Leeds, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Longyear, Misses G. C. Longyear, Bishop and Mrs. T. Lowe, Mr. E. L. Marsh, Miss M. Marsh, Mrs. E. P. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Phoenix, Mr. H. F. Pinney, Miss M. L. Rank, Miss I. C. Revie, Miss L. Schoedler, Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Tarpenning, Dr. C. W. Townsend, Mr. F. L. von Suessmilch, Mr. E. L. von Suessmilch, Miss M. M. Whitfield, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Zumstein, Miss M. Zumstein, Miss F. E. McCoy, Dr. H. M. Perics, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Tebbetts, Dr. L. M. Venable, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Welbourne, Master E. H. Welbourne, jr., Mrs. F. B. Wheeler, Dr. R. G. Fleagle, Miss E. L. Hempstead, Mr. M. J. Kohler, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Mubie, Mrs. N. K. Packard, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sawyer, Miss F. Alling, Miss B. Burnham, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Carpenter, Master H. Carpenter, Mr. F. H. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. L. Erhardt, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Flay, Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Goodwin, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Harris, Mrs. V. Hutchason, Miss L. Krug, Miss S. W. Lowman, Mrs. C. J. Lukens, Mrs. B. E. Nicolson, Master G. Nicolson, Master K. Nicolson, Mrs. C. V. B. Quimby, Mrs. G. van Ganthoven, Miss G. M. Vuichoud, Mrs. M. A. Wilson, Mr. C. D. Young, Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moor, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Krause, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wolff, Miss H. Wolff, Mr. H. W. Myers, Mrs. B. L. Wright, Miss E. L. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Hunt, Mr. I. D. Hunt, Miss K. Hunt, Master L. W. Staten, and Master N. Staten.

HONG KONG SHIPPING.

DROP IN LOCAL AND THROUGH FREIGHTS.

The week-end returns of general merchandise imported into the Colony, and also for ports beyond Hong Kong, showed a heavy decrease.

For the 48 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday, there were only 8,813 tons of general cargo discharged here from 13 vessels out of 22 arrivals. Six British steamers contributed 2,533 tons. The best returns were showed by the *President Polk*, which brought 1,031 tons from Boston and Shanghai, and the s.s. *Morioka Maru*, from Calcutta and Singapore also discharged 935 tons here.

Through freights were only manifested on 5 vessels out of the 22 which came into port during the 48 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday. The total tonnage carried was 8,634 tons, with only 70 tons on one British steamer. The s.s. *President Polk* had the heaviest through cargo. She had 4,600 tons, and the s.s. *Morioka Maru* came a close second with 2,294 tons.

The arrivals and departures were:—British, 7 arrivals and 12 departures; Japanese, 0 arrivals and 5 departures; Norwegian, 1 arrival and 4 departures; Chinese, 3 arrivals and 1 departure; Dutch, 1 arrival; French, 1 departure; and American, 1 arrival and 2 departures. Vessels in port totalled 68, of which, 26 were British.

The tabulated lists of arrivals and clearances will be found in another column.

SHIPPING NOTES.

Cargo classified as "dangerous" was brought into the Colony by the O.S.K. boat *Sumatra Maru*, from Yokohama and Moji. The cargo consisted of 167 tons of safety matches, 130 cases of sulphuric acid, 100 cases of calcium carbonate, 200 cases of sodium sulphide and 350 cases of bleaching powder. The vessel also carried 210 tons safety matches, 50 cases sulphuric acid and 20 cases nitric acid for ports beyond Hong Kong.

Five Japanese vessels which came into port during the week-end discharged 15,538 tons of coal here, and carried 2,700 tons for ports beyond.

The total number of deck passengers entered Hong Kong during the 48 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday was 656.

The s.s. *Haldis* (British) arriving into port on Sunday, brought 2,000 tons of salt from Tourane.

Arriving from Sourabaya and Balikpapan, the J.C.J.L. steamer *Tjisalak*, brought 3,413 tons of sugar for local discharge.

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. s.s. *Nellore* left Shanghai for this port on the 18th inst. at 9.30 a.m., and is due here this (Tuesday) morning at about 8 o'clock.

VESSELS EXPECTED

Achilles (Blue Funnel), due January 27th, 1927.
Canton (Swedish East Asiatic), due January 21st, 1927.
Demodocus (Blue Funnel), due January 4th, 1927.
Empress of Canada (C.P.R.), due December 23rd.
Ixion (Blue Funnel), due January 7th, 1927.
Machaon (Blue Funnel), due January 16th, 1927.
Nellore (P. & O.), due December 21st, about 8 a.m.
Perseus (Blue Funnel), due January 20th, 1927.
Sarpedon (Blue Funnel), due January 5th, 1927.
Triestin (Blue Funnel), due December 23rd.
Vogtland (Hamburg-Amerika Linie), due to-morrow, at daylight.

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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	...Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 6
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 27
EMPRESS OF CANADA	...Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 17
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	...Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 8
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 29
EMPRESS OF CANADA	...June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 19
EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	...June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 10
EMPRESS OF ASIA	...July 11	July 14	July 19	July 22	July 31

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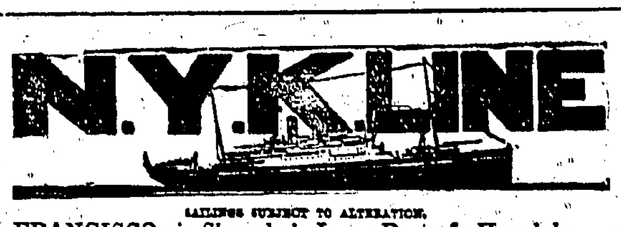
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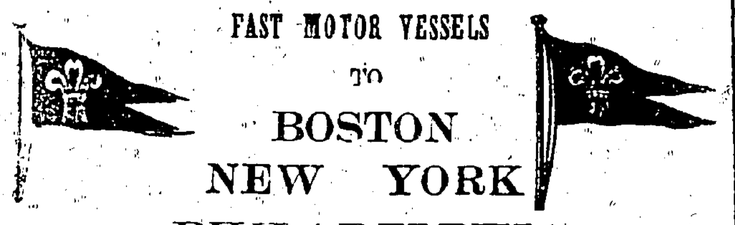
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"MIRZAPORE"	6,715	29th Dec.	Marseilles, London, Hamburg & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	5th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Jan.	Marseilles and London.
"KALYAN"	9,144	22nd Jan.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hull.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	26th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MOREA"	10,918	5th Feb.	Marseilles and London.
"DELTA"	8,097	15th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo and Bombay.
"KASHMIR"	9,005	19th Feb.	Marseilles, London, Antwerp and Hull.
"NELLORE"	6,852	2nd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MANTUA"	10,902	5th March	Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	12th March	Marseilles, London, Anwerp & Rotterdam.
"NYANZA"	7,023	16th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	19th March	Marseilles & London.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	2nd April	Marseilles and London.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	9th April	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Rotterdam.
"KARMALA"	9,128	16th April	Marseilles, London and Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,097	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay.
"MALWA"	10,980	30th April	Marseilles and London.
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"TILAWA"	10,000	1st Feb.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	12th Feb.	do.

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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	1st April	
"ARAFURA"	6,000	24th April	
"TANDA"	6,956	3rd June	

Regular Monthly Sailings from Hongkong to Japan and Hongkong to Australia.
The E. & A.S.S. Co., Ltd., steamers will also call at Shanghai, Iloilo, Cebu, Kolambugan, Tawao, Timor, Darwin, or other ports en route as inducement offers.
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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI AND JAPAN

"KALYAN"	9,144	26th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TAKADA"	6,949	31st Dec.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Osaka.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	4th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MOREA"	10,915	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,000	12th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"NAGPORE"	5,283	19th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,000	21st Jan.	Moji and Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"NELLORE"	6,853	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,959	8th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"MONGOLIA"	16,504	17th Feb.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"NYANZA"	7,023	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,120	4th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	8th March	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.
"DEVANHA"	8,155	13th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARMALA"	9,128	18th March	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,097	1st April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	5th April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO.,

LIMITED.

AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 22nd	Dec.,	6 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIUNGCHOW"	On 22nd	Dec.,	6 a.m.
BANGKOK	"KWANGTUNG"	On 22nd	Dec.,	4 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"CHENAN"	On 23rd	Dec.,	6 a.m.
SHANGHAI	"SZECHUEN"	On 25th	Dec.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO & DALNY	"YINGCHOW"	On 26th	Dec.,	6 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 26th	Dec.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 26th	Dec.,	10 a.m.
AMOY & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 28th	Dec.,	6 a.m.
AMOY, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"ANKING"	On 28th	Dec.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"SOOCHOW"	On 30th	Dec.,	6 a.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	"TEAN"	On 30th	Dec.,	Noon.
SHANGHAI	"SINKIANG"	On 1st	Jan.,	6 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TSINGTAO & DALNY	"LIANGCHOW"	On 2nd	Jan.,	10 a.m.

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M.V. "ROMOLO"	Sails on or about 5th January, 1927
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HOMEWARDS FOR BRINDISI, VENICE AND TRIESTE

	From Hong Kong.
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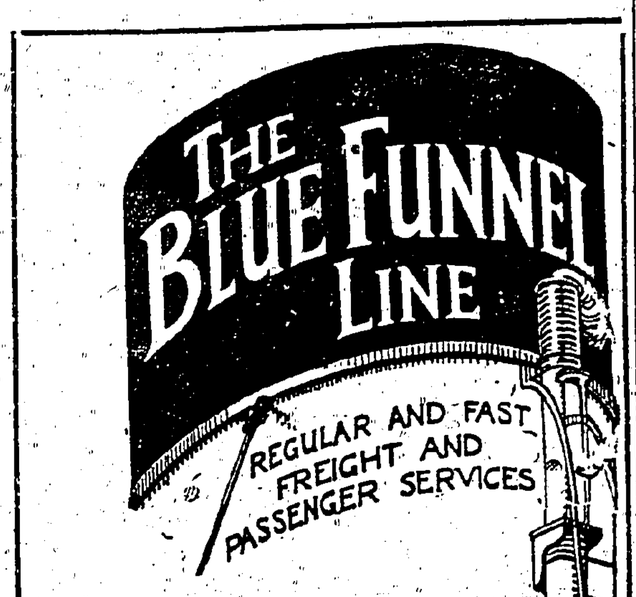
INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia ...	*Nellore*	21st Dec.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Jefferson*	21st Dec.
Shanghai	*General Metzinger*	21st Dec.
Shanghai	*Shantung*	22nd Dec.
Japan	*Taiyo Maru* ...	22nd Dec.
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Saigon	*Angers*	22nd Dec.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai...	*Pres. Lincoln* ...	23rd Dec.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan, Shanghai & London via Canada (London, 19th November)	*Emp. of Canada*	23rd Dec.
Straits	*Namsang*	24th Dec.
Straits	*Terrasa*	24th Dec.
Europe via Suez (letters & papers, London, 25th Nov., & parcels, 18th Nov.)	*Kaiyan*	25th Dec.
Manila	*Emp. of Canada*	30th Dec.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
		Tuesday, 21st,
Straits	*Sumatra Maru*...	10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hue Chang*	Noon
Saigon, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 21st Jan., 1927	*General Metzinger*	Reg. 1.45 P.M. Letters 2.30 P.M.
Swatow	*Leesang*	5.00 P.M.
Amoy	*Sunyang*	5.00 P.M.
Haiphong	*Java Mathilde* ...	5.00 P.M.
		Wednesday, 22nd,
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	*Mexico Maru* ...	10.30 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	*Angers*	1.30 P.M.
Amoy	*Tjisalak*	1.30 P.M.
Bangkok	*Awangtung* ...	2.30 P.M.
Swatow	*Unenano*	5.00 P.M.
		Thursday, 23rd,
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 3rd Jan., 1927	*Tango Maru* ..	Reg. 8.45 A.M. Letters 9.30 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	*Nellore*	10.30 A.M.
Straits	*Van Cloon* ..	2.30 P.M.
		Friday, 24th,
Java via Sourabaia	*Tjikini*	10.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	*Hai Hong* ..	Noon
Sandakan	*Mansang*	12.30 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 22nd Jan., 1927—Ship sails on Xmas day, the 25th inst. at noon	*Khios*	Parcels 3.00 P.M. Reg. 5.00 P.M. Letters 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	*Szechuen*	5.00 P.M.
		Saturday, 25th,
Wei Hai Wei	*Huichow* ...	9.00 A.M.
Manila	*Emp. of Canada*...	9.30 A.M.
Amoy	*Namsang*	9.00 A.M.
		Sunday, 26th
*Swatow and Bangkok	*Kiangsu*	8.30 A.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	*Kaiju Maru* ...	9.00 A.M.
		Monday, 27th,
Amoy	*Shantung*... ...	9.00 A.M.
		Tuesday, 28th,
Straits and Calcutta	*Lai Sang*... ...	Parcels Noon Letters 1.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 26th Jan., 1927	*Autolycus* ...	Reg. 1.45 P.M. Letters 2.30 P.M.
Swatow	*Yatshing*... ...	5.00 P.M.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.



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"AUTOLYCUS" 28th Dec. Mars., L'don., R'dam. & Hamburg.
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"SARPEDON" 9th Feb. Mars., L'don., R'dam. & Glasgow.

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Bank Bills, on demand	1/11 3/16
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Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/0 3/16
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On Paris.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,145
Credits, 4 months' sight	1,165
On New York.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	46⅞
Credits, at 60 days' sight	46⅝
On Bombay.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	130⅛
On Calcutta.—	
Telegraphic Transfer / Bank Bills, on demand	130⅛
On Shanghai.—	
Bank Bills, at sight / Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
On Yokohama.—On demand	95¼
On Manila.—On demand	94
On Singapore.—On demand	80⅞
On Batavia.—On demand	116⅜
On Haiphong.—On demand	nom.
On Saigon.—On demand	nom.
On Bangkok.—On demand	96⅛
Sovereign, Bank's Buying rate	$10.10
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael	—
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Authorised Capital$50,000,000
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Reserve Funds:—
Sterling £4,500,000
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Hong Kong, 27th May, 1926. [25

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For the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
A. H. BARLOW,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 27th May, 1926. [2

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Authorized Capital$10,000,000
Paid-up Capital 5,000,000
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A. LECOT,
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Hong Kong, 20th March, 1924. [32

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H. MORI, Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th Dec., 1926. [35

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T. TAKAGI,
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Hong Kong Branch,
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TSUYEE PEI,
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Hong Kong, January 16th, 1926. [38

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Head Office: London.

Paid-up Capital£3,000,000
Reserve Fund£4,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors£3,000,000

Agencies and Branches.

Alor Star (Malay States)	Iloilo	Rangoon
Amritsar	Ipoh	Saigon
Bangkok	Karachi	Semarang
Batavia	Klang	Seremban
Bombay	Kobe	Shanghai
Calcutta	Kuala Lumpur	Singapore
Canton	Kuching	Sourabaya
Cawnpore	Madras	Taiping (F.M.S.)
Cebu	Manila	Tavoy
Colombo	Medan	Tientsin
Delhi	New York	Tokyo
Haiphong	Penang	Tsingtao
Hamburg	Peshawar	Yokohama
Hankow	Puket	Zamboanga (Philippine Islands).
Hong Kong		

Foreign Exchange and General Banking Business transacted.
Current Accounts opened and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
A. H. FERGUSON,
Manager.

Hong Kong, August 1st, 1926. [30

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